



Off Rowan Avenue
Dawley
Telford TF4 3PN

Tel: 01952 387600
Email: talk2us@southallschool.com

Head teacher: Mrs Abi Martin

28th October 2020

Dear Parent/Carer

School Closure – Positive COVID Cases

We have just been advised that we now have 5 members of staff that have tested positive for COVID-19. Due to the number of cases, and the number of staff required to isolate as a result, **we have no option other than to close the school, re-opening on Monday 9th November.**

As you know, Southall School has enforced rigorous systems to protect our children and staff in line with national and Telford & Wrekin guidance. All our processes have been in place, however, some cases in schools are a reflection of the current COVID picture.

As you would expect, we have reacted swiftly to implement the guidance for this situation, working with the Telford & Wrekin Health Protection Hub. All parents have been contacted where their child has been in direct contact with the individual (less than 2 metres for more than 15 minutes) through our text messaging service, and any potentially contaminated areas will be deep cleaned in line with our risk assessments and guidance documents.

Please note that any pupils who have been identified as a direct contact will need to stay home. If you have not received a text message then you can continue as normal. Other household members can carry on as normal unless someone in the household becomes symptomatic.

Those pupils who have been asked to self-isolate have been told of their **isolation end date** through the text messaging service, and all can return to school as normal on **Monday 9th November.**

May I take this opportunity to reinforce the symptoms of COVID-19 to ensure that students displaying any of the below illnesses remain at home. The most common symptoms of coronavirus (COVID 19) are recent onset of:

- A new continuous cough and/or
- High temperature and/or
- A loss of, or change in, normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia)

For most people, coronavirus (COVID-19) will be a mild illness.

If you are concerned about your child and the symptoms of COVID-19, please seek advice from your GP, NHS Direct or by calling NHS 111.

I have been asked by the Council's Health Protection Hub that for those pupils who are isolating, if they become symptomatic during this period, you are to contact the school and we will arrange a test.

Next week, we will be writing a letter again with information about home learning and where appropriate social stories for all children for whilst they are at home.

I fully appreciate how worrying these times are for us all, especially parents, but please feel reassured that we are following government guidelines fully.

We look forward to seeing pupils back in school on Monday 9th November.

Yours sincerely

Abi Martin
Headteacher