



Cramlington Village Primary School

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Dear Families,

Over the past few days some children in school, particularly in Y3, have shown some of the symptoms of Covid-19. They have followed due process and been tested. As a school, we have been following any emergent patterns very carefully and keeping a watchful eye.

One of the families which has been isolating, pending test results, has had a family member confirmed as being Covid-19-positive. Three other families in the Y3 class have also been tested, but have been returned results which are either negative or inconclusive.

Because we have had one case confirmed (albeit a family member, rather than a child in school) alongside these inconclusive tests, we have sought advice from the local Health Protection Team. Two calls this afternoon have been logged to their desk - but we have been told that they are inundated and will 'probably' call us tomorrow morning rather than today. This has left me with no clear clinical advice to support our next steps as a school.

As a result, we feel we have no alternative but to close the Y3 bubble until we can receive clinical advice about what precautions to take next from the Health Protection Team. This class closure only affects children in Y3 and does not affect any siblings in other year groups who can attend school as normal. Staff will also be isolating at home, and supporting the online learning which will be available straight away from the start of the usual school day, so there will be plenty for the children to do from the start of the school day. Please let us know if you do not have access to a device and/or internet.

We will post communications onto the class Facebook pages, and also to the email addresses that your usual Friday newsletters go to. (If you would like to update your email address please let us know as soon as possible.)

Please note: we are asking you to ensure that your Y3 child isolates until we receive any updated information about the situation. It is very important that your Y3 child does not come to school tomorrow morning during drop-off, even to accompany sibling drop-offs. If you are within a short distance from the school please let us know and we will try to arrange to collect them if that would help.

I am so sorry for the short notice nature of this closure. As a leadership team in school we feel that we must take decisive action when faced with these situations to try and support the local community by minimising the spread of the virus.

Please do not hesitate to let me know if you have any queries.

Debbie Wylie
Principal

