



8<sup>th</sup> November 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

### COVID 19 – Staffing Update

Following the information shared with you on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> November we are keen to update you on circumstances concerning Years 3 and 4 – the 'bubble' of children supported by Mr Whitty, Mrs Russell and Mrs Cousins.

We have today heard that Mr Whitty has received a positive test for coronavirus. As a result he has been advised to self-isolate for a period of 10 days from the date of his test, 6<sup>th</sup> November. His health is good, though he is now experiencing some 'cold-like' symptoms. We wish him well and thank him again for sharing his circumstances so effectively.

In these circumstances, as school leaders, we seek the advice of the Department for Education with whom we expect to share all of the circumstances around Mr Whitty and the Year 3/4 bubble that he and his children belong to. We will then be directed to take action accordingly.

Unfortunately the Department for Education is not open on a Sunday and we have been advised to contact them on Monday morning for guidance. We will of course do this but in the meantime are keen to share the full picture with you. We are also keen to exercise care and caution. **With this in mind, while we wait for specific guidance, children in Years 3 and 4 should remain at home on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> November. We will be in touch with you sharing guidance that we receive as soon as we have this.**

As you can expect, the school will continue to follow the Local Authority, Public Health England and Government protocols and specific advice. In taking care of your families it is important that you do the same. Should your child or someone in your family display COVID-related symptoms please seek to arrange a test for them. Please get in touch with us to let us know your situation – we will be keen seek to support you in any way that we can.

#### Learning from Home

During the course of the day on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> November the School's Coronavirus 'Splash Page' was placed on our website – you'll see it when you visit [www.haytorview.devon.sch.uk](http://www.haytorview.devon.sch.uk), as you did during the Summer lockdown. Please visit this page where Mr Whitty, Mrs Russell and Mrs Cousins will share a menu of learning activities for your child to engage with on Monday.

We will keep in close contact with you about learning at home. Be assured that the Year 3 and 4 teaching team will be available to you so please get in touch with us in the usual way as you need.

Thank-you for your ongoing support as we continue to seek to best support you and your children during these challenging times. We encourage any parents with concerns about decisions being made around their children's health to contact us. Please feel free to get in touch if you feel this would be helpful, by phone, email or through School Gateway.

Yours sincerely,

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