



Dear Parents/Carers

We are sending you this email to update you about the Covid-19 outbreak at Goat Lees Primary School.

I have said that we would be transparent and ensure you have the available facts so that you can make informed decisions. We have a further confirmed case in a pupil in Year 6 and also a member of staff in Year 4. In the case of the pupil, they displayed no symptoms but were tested as a precaution and have subsequently tested positive. Most parents of Year 6 children have already contacted us to advise of their intention to keep any siblings at home for the rest of the week. **We would recommend that all Year 6 siblings do not come into school for the next 4 days** due to the high percentage of children testing positive in this class and, as I have already explained, not all showed symptoms. This only goes to demonstrate that everyone needs to follow the advice to self-isolate for 10 days from the last point of contact as individuals could be infectious without knowing. We do have one or two children in other year groups awaiting test results as they have been in close contact with a family member who has tested positive and we will update you if we have any more developments.

The official advice from the DfE and the Local Authority is that we should only close bubbles where there are positive cases and other children can come to school. However, it is clear that all the cases in our school have been identified in the last 5 days and we do not know if there more to follow. I would like to reassure you that there will be no action taken should you decide that you want to support your child at home in the last week of term rather than sending them to school. If you are not intending to send your child to school, please email the office (office@goatlees.kent.sch.uk) to confirm your intentions. At the present time, Year 6 and Year 4 will be having daily support via Google Classrooms and for the other year groups, we will offer blended learning for the children at home and those continuing to attend school. If a further bubble closes, we will revert to home learning and will be using Google Classrooms.

If the school remaining open is no longer viable, we will inform you without delay.

Please remember there is no breakfast club facility this week.

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