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Our Ref: St James' Primary

Dear Parent/Carer

I have previously made you aware that our Test and Protect team was carrying out COVID-19 contact tracing at St James' Primary School. As you may be aware, we have since identified cases amongst a small number of pupils and staff at the school and I am writing to reassure you of the actions that have been taken. All pupils should continue to attend school as normal if they are well and unless they have been asked to self-isolate.

NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde Public Health have worked closely with the school and local authority to identify all close contacts within the school. All contacts have been advised to self-isolate as a precaution. In line with the current local restrictions, household members of any contacts that have been identified will also be asked to self-isolate. Environmental Health Officers have provided additional input to the school and robust control measures are in place to ensure appropriate cleaning and social distancing. In addition, a deep clean of the school building will also take place over this weekend. We will continue to monitor the situation and take any further action that is required.

At a time when we are seeing more cases of COVID-19 within our local community it is essential that everyone observes the rules on social distancing and other measures to prevent infection. If anyone in your household develops symptoms of COVID-19 the symptomatic person should self-isolate and be tested as soon as possible. Everyone else in the household should also stay at home if someone you live with or someone in your extended household has symptoms. A test is only required if you have symptoms of Covid-19. The symptoms include:

- a high temperature or fever
- a new continuous cough
- a loss of or change in sense of smell or taste.

The school will work with parents and carers of any child who has been asked to self-isolate to minimise the disruption to learning for those pupils who need to self-isolate.

Further information on COVID-19 including on what to do if you develop symptoms and how to access a test is available from NHS Inform: <https://www.nhsinform.scot/illnesses-and-conditions/infections-and-poisoning/coronavirus-covid-19>. Frequently Asked Questions for schools are available at <https://www.nhsqgc.org.uk/your-health/health-issues/covid-19-coronavirus/for-patients-the-public/schools-info/faqs/#>.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Linda de Caestecker".

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