

17<sup>th</sup> September 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

## Ref: Confirmed positive case of COVID-19 at Uffculme School & Uffculme School Bus Route

I am writing to inform you that we have had confirmed positive cases of COVID-19 on one of our school bus routes and within two of our class bubbles.

With the safety and well-being of all a priority, and following the advice received from Public Health England (PHE) and the Department for Education (DfE), we have instructed pupils who have identified as a close contact to the confirmed case, not to attend school and to self-isolate for a specific period of time (14 days). They will return back to school after this period providing they have been COVID symptom free for 48 hours prior to returning to school. If during their isolation period pupils that have been sent home to isolate display a temperature/fever or feel unwell, parents have been advised to let the school know so we can follow up accordingly.

For those pupils that have been asked to isolate, Learning Packs will be prepared by class teachers and sent home to pupils.

All other pupils must continue to attend school, in line with PHE guidance. We would ask that you are vigilant for any symptoms of COVID-19 infection.

The most common symptoms of COVID-19 are:

- a high temperature, and/or
- a new continuous cough
- loss of sense of taste or smell

NHS have recently added gastrointestinal issues to the symptoms for children and young people.

Keeping our children and families, staff and local community safe is our priority and we hope that your household remains safe and well.

Yours faithfully



Charlotte Stubbs  
**Headteacher**

