



Date Friday 13th November

Confirmed case of Covid19 at Westwood Academy Year 5

We have been informed that two pupils at our academy have tested positive for Covid-19. We are working closely with Oldham's Public Health Team/Public Health England/ The Department for Education to reduce the risk of infection for our children and our staff.

This means that **we have had to close the Year 5 Bubble for 14 days** from today. The children and staff members will now self-isolate for 14 days. This means they will stay at home until Tuesday 24th November.

It is safe for all other pupils to return to school. We have taken a range of measure to ensure that we are adhering to the government's guidelines for schools.

It is important that we are all aware of the symptoms of Covid19 and only well children and staff attend school or childcare settings.

The main symptoms of coronavirus are:

- high temperature
- new, continuous cough –this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours
- loss or change to your sense of smell or taste –this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal.

For most people Covid19 is a mild illness. We are taking a range of measures and precautions as identified in our risk assessment and will do all that we can to keep everyone safe.

If your child or any member of the household develops any of these symptoms then you should arrange to be tested. You can do this by searching 'Book a coronavirus test online' or by calling 119.

If you have taken a test, then your household should stay at home until the result is received. If anyone in the household receives a positive result, then the whole family must stay at home and self-isolate. If all members are negative, then your child may return to school as long as you have not been told to isolate by the Test and Trace Service.

If you have any questions please get in touch with the academy using info@westwood.theharmonytrust.org