



13th September 2020

Class Y2.1

Dear Parent/Carer,

I am writing to you following a member of staff testing positive for Covid-19. Further to the text message that you received today, I have spent much of the day working with senior leaders and governors scrutinising the relevant guidance to ensure that we are taking the right actions to keep our school family in good health. In accordance with Public Health England and Birmingham City Council guidance, all children and staff in class Y2.1 need to self-isolate for 14 days from Monday 7 September 2020 (this is the date they last had contact with the member of staff). This means we look forward to welcoming your children back on Tuesday 22nd September. We have identified children that have been in close contact with the staff member and they have been contacted individually.

The advice from Public Health England is that children will only need to be tested if they develop any of the symptoms as listed on the DfE and NHS websites:

- **A new, continuous cough**, where you cough a lot for more than an hour, or have three or more coughing episodes in 24 hours
- **Fever** - where your temperature is above 37.8C
- **Loss of smell or taste**

From Monday 14th September, pupils in Y2.1 will be required to continue participating in lessons but through online means. Mr Panichi will deliver a daily morning welcome video via Class Dojo outlining the lessons for the day, how to access them and any other important announcements. On Monday, your child will be required to watch a phonics video and complete an English and Maths exercise for the day. From Tuesday-Friday, children will be directed to additional phonics, English and Maths video lessons which will need to be completed, as well as a Foundation Subject lesson such as Geography or R.E for example. All work completed must be submitted via Class Dojo.

If your child is entitled to a free school meal, we can provide a packed lunch for them throughout the period of their self-isolation. This would need to be collected from the school each day. Please contact the school office on 0121 5540999 or email the school at enquiry@williammurdoch.bham.sch.uk if you would like to take up this facility.

Staff and leaders across school are working tirelessly to ensure that we are following all of the guidance being issued. I appreciate that this is a very worrying and challenging time for the whole William Murdoch Primary School family and I thank you for your support. Stay safe, Stay well.

Yours sincerely

Mr M Singh

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M. Singh', is written over a light blue horizontal line.

Headteacher