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Dear Parents

In the spirit of openness and transparency, I am letting you know that, at the request of Public Health England, Shoeburyness High School has a confirmed case of COVID-19. One of the staff has tested positive. However, the member of staff's last day at work was two days before the positive test and the member of staff has confirmed no close contact with any staff or students.

The Headteacher followed all of the correct procedures, has been through the risk assessment and spoken to an advisor on the DfE helpline who has confirmed that no further action is necessary in this instance.

Although it does not directly affect the vast majority of you, I felt sure that you would rather hear about it through SECAT than through some other route.

For your information, I have included the relevant section of the latest guidance we are adhering to:

- Household members of those contacts of those sent home do not need to self-isolate themselves unless the child who is self-isolating subsequently develops symptoms.
- If someone in the bubble develops symptoms themselves within the 14-day isolation period they should follow the guidance below:
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-households-with-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection>

As a parent myself I recognise that it is a time of uncertainty and that you will no doubt be anxious. However, I can confirm that we will continue to follow the guidance stringently to minimise the risks to both your children and our staff.

Wishing you and your families good health and safety at this time.

Kind Regards

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