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Dear Parent/Carer,

After our communication yesterday I must inform you that another member of staff has tested positive for Covid 19. This is a confirmed case of the Coronavirus.

As a result, and in line with guidance from Welsh Government, Health and Safety Executive and Cardiff Council, the member of staff will now need to self-isolate.

The member of staff concerned has followed all the protocols since the school has reopened and as such, and again in line with guidance and instruction from communicable diseases, the school remains open to all pupils.

I understand that two positive results in two days will lead to questions. I also know that you understand patient confidentiality and that you will be concerned for the health of the staff member, your own children and your wider families. I can disclose that the two cases are unrelated.

It is communicable diseases who instruct the school on what actions should be taken in the event of a positive test result amongst pupils and/or staff. As a result of the processes and protocols in place they are satisfied that there have been no proximity contacts in the workplace which would require other pupils and staff to self-isolate. Hence, we remain open to all pupils.

To date we have not had to send any classes or year groups home. The decision to do so would be on the advice from communicable diseases - as has happened in other schools. Those affected would be contacted by communicable diseases and the track and trace team. This has not happened to our school yet.

However, parents and pupils should continue to be alert for any symptoms of Covid-19. These are:

- A new or continuous cough
- A high temperature
- A loss of or change to sense of smell or taste

If your child develops any of these symptoms, even if they are mild, you need to:

- Book a test for them by phoning 119 or through the online portal: <https://www.nhs.uk/ask-for-a-coronavirus-test>

- Follow the advice provided when your child receives their test result
- Phone school on 029 20778174 or email info@stilltyds.org.uk and let us know that your child is unwell with COVID-19 symptoms and that you have requested a test

Ensure you do not visit a GP surgery, pharmacy or hospital but if you require medical advice please contact NHS 111 or telephone your GP; if there is a medical emergency phone 999

Further information on symptoms and self-isolation can be found here at <https://gov.wales/daily-contact-tracing-check-symptoms-guidance-and-support>

Further information on NHS Wales 'Test, Trace', Protect can be found at <https://gov.wales/test-trace-protect-coronavirus>

For general information on COVID-19, visit <https://gov.wales/protect-yourself-others-coronavirus>

We will continue to be vigilant and do all we can to provide the safest possible environment for our school community. This situation will be ongoing for the foreseeable future and we are as prepared as we can be to deal with it, whether that be a positive test amongst staff or pupils.

Thank you for your continued support and cooperation.

Kind Regards,



D B Thomas
Headteacher