



BEESTON HALL SCHOOL

By email

8th November 2020 8pm

Dear Parents,

This email comes to outline, as succinctly as possible, the state of play regarding the two Beeston children's recent positive covid-19 result. All children in their year groups must self-isolate, along with the members of staff who have been close, or primary, contacts to them. A number of families have expressed concern about siblings connected to these groups coming to school, but I am afraid I must, simply, refer back to government advice on this matter, which I sent out on Friday.

'If the child sent home for self-isolation does not have symptoms, then any other members of the household do not have to self-isolate – **siblings and parents can continue work or school**. If the child develops symptoms any time during that 14-day period then the sibling / parent must go into self-isolation for a further 14 days, irrespective of test of the first child. If there is a positive case, within a household, then the family will be self-isolating and **doing all they can to enforce social distancing** and isolation within the home, as per government guidance'.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-households-with-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection>.

Naturally if you wish to keep you child away, this is your choice, but we are obliged to make it clear it is not necessary. We are always doing our best to help with the continuity of education, but a unilateral decision will not mean automatic switch to remote learning. As I hope you can see we are simply doing our utmost to enable the school to function on site, as fully as possible, in these unusual circumstances and cope with the usual 'coughs and colds' alongside the pandemic. There have been 41 tests in this community, only two of them positive.

All being well, we look forward to seeing everyone back on Wednesday 18th November. Either way, see you tomorrow morning, either on Google Classroom, or in the flesh, as usual.

Best wishes,

Fred de Falbe