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General letter to Parents/Carers of Children at Ribbon Academy

Dear Parent/Carer,

I write to inform you that there are several confirmed cases of COVID-19 within Year 4. Therefore, I have taken the decision to close Year 4 in-school provision from this morning until 3.30pm on Friday 17th December (which covers the incubation period). Please understand that the decision to close Year 4 has not been taken lightly. The rapid rise in Covid infection over the past few days has been significant. Keeping the year group open, would only perpetuate the problem. This is not a risk I am prepared to take with the children in Year 4 and 500 other children in school.

School remains open for all remaining year groups.

What to do if your child develops symptoms of COVID 19

If your child develops symptoms of COVID-19, you should immediately arrange a PCR test. This can be arranged via: <https://www.nhs.uk/ask-for-a-coronavirus-test> or by calling 119.

Symptoms of COVID 19

The most common symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) are recent onset of:

- * New continuous cough and/or
- * High temperature and/or
- * A loss of, or change in, normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia)

I know that you may find this concerning, but we are continuing to monitor the situation and are working closely with Public Health England. This letter is to inform you of the current situation and provide. Please be reassured that for most people, coronavirus (COVID-19) will be a mild illness.

Take care and stay safe,

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