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Our Ref: LB/eb – Important information from Public Health

Date:
20th May 2021

Dear Parent/ Guardian/ Student/ Staff member

Re: Testing for contacts of confirmed case of COVID-19

We are writing to inform you that several weeks ago, you have been in contact with someone in the Ryders Green Primary School community, who has tested positive for the COVID-19 virus.

This persons have now been confirmed as having the variant known as B.1.617.2 (first identified in India). There is no evidence to suggest this variant causes more severe illness but it appears to be more easily spread than other variants currently circulating in the UK.

However, public health professionals are charting the spread of this variant within our communities; with around 35% of COVID-19 tests being routinely sent for further testing to check strain type. This individual's test result was sent for testing as part of these routine tests. The person has no recent foreign travel history.

We are working with Public Health England (PHE) Midlands and the public health team at Sandwell Council and they have advised that people who were in close contact with the individual up to two weeks before diagnosis should take a COVID-19 test. **You are one of these close contacts.**

A test is being arranged for you, on Friday 21st May and the school and public health partners will be in touch with the school by phone to discuss details. **Please do not organise a test yourself, as specific logging details are necessary to keep track of your test.**