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Dear Parent/carer,

I hope you all had a lovely weekend.

I have been having discussions with many of you in recent days/weeks around what Government guidance means for us all. I can understand that with the breadth of information circulating some confusion may arise. In order to try to help a little with this I have pulled together some key pieces of information which may help.

The links below may answer some of the questions around what the new national restrictions, combined with the Greater Manchester local lockdown measures mean for each of us. I am going to put this information onto the website too.

https://secure.manchester.gov.uk/info/500286/health_protection/7987/new_government_restrictions

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/childcare-to-be-exempt-from-interhousehold-mixing-restrictions-in-local-areas-of-intervention>

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/nhs-test-and-trace-how-it-works>

Extract from Track and Trace guidance about what is meant by self-isolation

You must self-isolate for 14 days after you were in contact with the person who has tested positive for coronavirus. This is crucial to avoid unknowingly spreading the virus.

Self-isolation means staying at home and not going outside your home at any time. If you live with other people, they do not need to self-isolate, but they should avoid contact with you as far as possible and follow advice on hygiene. If you do not live with other people, you should seek help from others, or delivery services, for essential activities such as food shopping. Self-isolation can be particularly challenging if you are looking after children, or if you care for vulnerable people who cannot stay with friends or family.





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If you go on to develop symptoms, anyone you live with must then self-isolate and you must report your symptoms and get tested.

It is crucial that you complete your 14-day self-isolation period if you've been identified as a contact, even if you get a negative test result. This is because you may have the virus, but it cannot yet be detected by a test, so you could unknowingly spread the virus if you leave the house. Other members of your household, however, do not need to remain in self-isolation.

Sadly, it seems inevitable that more schools across the country may need to close bubbles and ask families to ensure their child self-isolates following contact with a confirmed case. Despite our very best efforts this may mean that here at Varna we too have to ask some children, and some staff to stay at home and self-isolate in the coming months. If your child is asked to stay at home and self-isolate due to their bubble having to close then this guidance is what you should follow for them. Rest assured we will do our best to maintain as much normalcy as possible for the rest of our school community in the event we have to take a decision such as this.

I hope you find this information helpful and if you have any questions around any of this please contact the main school office where we will do our best to offer advice if we can.

Yours sincerely

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