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14<sup>th</sup> September 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

### **Further Update on Confirmed Case of Covid-19**

I am writing to provide more information following my update on Sunday evening. As you are aware a member of kitchen staff has tested positive for Covid-19. The member of staff was last in school on Thursday 10th September. Therefore, 72 hours has passed since they were last in the kitchen. The kitchen, as always, has been cleaned thoroughly.

The kitchen team are now self-isolating for 14 days. A small team from Halton School Meals, who provide our service, is now providing packed lunches. This is a reduced service due to much smaller numbers of staff available.

Please be assured that unless it was safe to do so, the school would not be open. We have no concerns that the kitchen staff member was in 'close contact' with students, which is set out below and we have taken advice from Public Health England.

Examples of close contact include:

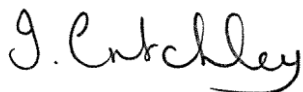
- close face to face contact (under 1 metre) for any length of time – including talking to them or coughing on them
- being within 1 to 2 metres of each other for more than 15 minutes – including travelling in a small vehicle
- spending lots of time in your home, such as cleaning it

I am sure you can appreciate this is an ever evolving situation and although the initial communication with parents and carers was on Sunday evening; we acted on the information as soon as it was received.

We will keep you up to date via our website and social media platforms. Please continue to work with us as we all navigate through this challenging period.

I am sure like the school staff here, we wish the member of staff well.

Yours sincerely



Mr Critchley  
Principal