



Kirklands HQ  
Fallside Road  
Bothwell  
G71 8BB

15 September 2020

Dear parent/carer,

We wrote to parents on 12 September advising that a member of staff at Greenhills Primary School had tested positive for Covid-19 and again on 14 September following two further members of staff testing positive.

NHS Lanarkshire's test and protect team is now carrying out contact tracing after two further members of staff tested positive for Covid-19. All five staff are currently self-isolating at home.

NHS Lanarkshire is working closely with South Lanarkshire Council with regards to the cases and has traced close contacts. Public health advice is being given to these individuals and they have been told to self-isolate.

Following an incident management team (IMT) review, there is evidence of transmission between close contacts within a limited group in the school. Those within this group are self-isolating. The school remains open as the IMT continues to monitor the risk to the wider school community.

We are aware that there will be concern for children, their parents/carers and staff at this time, however, I want to reassure you that a full risk assessment has been carried out by the IMT, which included NHS Lanarkshire public health, Public Health Scotland, South Lanarkshire Council as well as others, ensuring all the recommended infection prevention and control measures are in place and there is a thorough cleaning programme for the school building.

A further control measure the IMT has put in place for the school, over the next 14 days, is advice that face masks should be worn by teachers and support staff when interacting with children, wherever possible depending on the age and stage of the class.

Noting the increased infection rates in Lanarkshire, it is important to bear in mind that mixing socially in the community without maintaining physical distancing measures helps the virus to spread widely. It is therefore important that people remain vigilant and follow physical distancing guidance. Pupils and staff should wash their hands thoroughly and regularly using soap and water for 20 seconds.

Individuals who experience any Covid-19 symptoms such as a cough, fever or loss of taste or smell, even if they are mild, should stay off school or work and get tested. Information on how to access testing is available from NHS Inform at:

<https://www.nhsinform.scot/illnesses-and-conditions/infections-andpoisoning/coronavirus-covid-19/test-and-protect/coronavirus-covid-19-testing>

If you have any questions about coronavirus please visit [www.nhsinform.scot](http://www.nhsinform.scot) in the first instance, or call the helpline on 0800 028 2816.

To respect and maintain patient confidentiality no further details will be released at this time.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Femi Oshin". The signature is written in a cursive style with a period at the end.

Dr Femi Oshin  
Consultant in Public Health Medicine  
NHS Lanarkshire