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Dear parent/carer,

I am writing to you again following my last letter to let you know that on Sunday evening another member of teaching staff at Greenhills Primary School has tested positive for Covid-19.

NHS Lanarkshire's test and protect team is now carrying out contact tracing and I can let you know the member of staff is now self-isolating at home.

I appreciate that parents and carers will be anxious given that this is another case involving a member of staff from the school. Following a review, there is evidence to suggest that there is transmission between adult contacts within a limited group of individuals in the school. These adults and their respective classes are self-isolating. Our assessment is that pupil transmission in the school remains low and the school will remain open.

NHS Lanarkshire is working closely with South Lanarkshire Council with regards to the cases and is in the process of contacting close contacts. Our test and protect team will continue to contact anyone who may be affected. Public health advice is being given to these individuals and they are being told to self-isolate.

There will, as highlighted earlier, 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 NHS Lanarkshire public health with South Lanarkshire Council putting in place all the recommended infection prevention and control measures and has a thorough cleaning programme for the school building.

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 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 small dot at the end.

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