



The Valley Federation

of Edale C of E (VC) and Hope Primary Schools

All Parents
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Primary Schools

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Dear Parents/Carers,

As you will know (if you are a parent at Hope) and may have heard (if you are a parent at Edale), there has been a confirmed case of Covid -19 at Hope School and, as a result, the Hope Owls Class' bubble has been asked to self-isolate for 14 days, as well as a couple of staff members.

This is not good news, but something that we all feared might happen, and there are also some cases beginning to occur across other schools in the Valley. Hopefully we won't have any further cases in Hope and Edale, but of course the truth is we don't know yet what the future holds.

In this context it is important we have clear processes, sanctioned by Public Health England and Derbyshire County Council, in our risk assessment documents, which can be quickly actioned when needed.

Governors have worked with our Executive Headteacher and her colleagues to ensure that these documents are as rigorous as possible, and they can be found on both schools' websites. The processes outlined there have been discussed, expanded and deepened over the last few days through discussions our Headteacher and her staff have had with public health bodies and Derbyshire County Council. All this hard work resulted in letters sent out to parents of children at Hope School on Monday afternoon.

As a Governor, I am very appreciative of all the hard work our staff have had to put in to deal with this ongoing crisis. As a parent I feel the schools are keeping us well informed and are doing a great job through these very difficult times. Of course, we Governors are here to help in whatever ways we can. Do feel free to contact the school if you need to via the usual ways; staff are continuing to work very hard and are happy to answer any queries and concerns. If you would like to contact a governor even for a friendly chat or reassurance, then I am happy to be contacted directly by phone or text on 07969247928, or you can also contact our Chair, John Payne – 07484384095.

Thank you for your continued support and understanding; hopefully we will be able to welcome all our children and staff back to our two schools after the half term break. All good wishes to everyone in the meantime.

Lucy Bishton

Vice-Chair of Governors
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