

SECAT House, Delaware Road
Shoeburyness, SS3 9NP
E-mail: admin@secat.co.uk
Tel: 01702 580 463
CEO: Mrs Ruth Brock

12th June 2020

Dear Parents

I am duty bound to let you know that, at the request of Public Health England, we have sent home staff and pupils in one of the bubbles within the school today. This is because a pupil in the bubble, who was absent today, has been admitted to hospital with suspected COVID-19.

In line with the guidance from Public Health England, all those in that bubble are required to self-isolate for fourteen days (or until a negative test result is confirmed) along with the rest of their household. We have therefore, also sent home siblings of those children in the bubble.

For your information, I have included the relevant section of the latest guidance we are adhering to:

- If a child, young person or staff member develops symptoms of the coronavirus, they should be sent home and advised to self-isolate, along with their fellow household members.
- The individual must not come to school and you should inform the parents of the rest of the bubble so they can be vigilant around any symptoms developing.
- The DFE and PHE guidance states that the whole bubble should self-isolate if any individual in that bubble **tests positive** for COVID19. It does not deem isolation necessary on the basis of symptoms only, however our suggestion is that you **consider this on a case by case basis**.
- If the bubble members are asked to isolate, it is essential that they follow the government guidance and remain at home for 14 days or until the test comes back as negative.

Sources: [safe working in education](#)
[implementing the protective measures in education](#)
Public Health advice

Regardless of the COVID-19 test result, the room, equipment and furniture in the bubble is being thoroughly cleaned in line with the guidance.

The school is in contact with the family and I am sure you would want to join me in sending our best wishes to them during this worrying time. We will update you as soon as possible as to the results of the test. **If the test proves to be negative, parents and staff will be contacted as soon as practical, to ensure that they know it is safe to come back to school.** The decision to return your children to school of course remains yours as always.

Southend East Community Academy Trust is a company registered in England and Wales 7825856.
Registered Office: Delaware Road, Shoeburyness, Essex, SS3 9NP



Southend East Community Academy Trust

"Strong Partnerships, Strong Community, Strong Schools"

*SECAT House, Delaware Road
Shoeburyness, SS3 9NP
E-mail: admin@secat.co.uk
Tel: 01702 580 463
CEO: Mrs Ruth Brock*

As a parent myself I recognise that it is a time of uncertainty and that you will no doubt be anxious. However, I can confirm that we will continue to follow the guidance stringently to minimise the risks to both your children and our staff.

Wishing you and your families good health and safety at this time.

Kind Regards

Ruth Brock

Ruth Brock
CEO

Southend East Community Academy Trust is a company registered in England and Wales 7825856.
Registered Office: Delaware Road, Shoeburyness, Essex, SS3 9NP

SECAT Central Finance
C/O Shoeburyness High School
Caulfield Road
Shoeburyness, SS3 9LL
Email: Finance@secat.co.uk



SECAT Central HR
C/O Richmond Avenue Primary School
Richmond Avenue
Shoeburyness, SS3 9LG
Email: HR@secat.co.uk