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FOR PARENTS OF POSSIBLE CLOSE CONTACTS OF COVID 19 WITHIN 2E and 3E

Advice for Child to Self-Isolate for 14 Days

Dear Parent/Carer,

We have been notified today (16th October) of another confirmed case of COVID-19 within bubble 2, specifically within your child's class. In both cases I can confirm that it is a staff member. The last contact that your child would have had with this staff member was Monday 12th October.

We have followed the national and local guidance and have identified that your child (as they are part of one of the groups listed above) may have been in contact with the affected individual we have had to extend the period of time that your child needs to be in self-isolation. In line with the guidance we recommend that your child now stay at home and self-isolate until Tuesday 27th October and the bubble will reopen after half term on Monday 2nd November. The 14 days isolation starts the day after they have last had contact with the individual who has tested positive and as these are new cases we have to advise that the self-isolation is now extended.

We are asking you to do this to reduce the further spread of COVID-19 to others in the community.

If your child is well at the end of the 14-day period of self-isolation, then they can return to usual activities, including attending school.

Other members of your household can continue normal activities provided your child does not develop symptoms within the 14-day self-isolation period. Please see the link to the PHE Staying at Home Guidance:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-homeguidance-for-households-with-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection>

There is no need to arrange a test for your child unless they display symptoms of COVID.

What to do if your child develops symptoms of COVID 19

If your child develops symptoms of COVID-19, they should remain at home for at least 10 days from the date when their symptoms appeared. Anyone with symptoms will be eligible for testing and this can be arranged via <https://www.nhs.uk/ask-for-a-coronavirus-test-or-by-calling-119>. We strongly recommend that any individual who does develop symptoms gets tested as soon as possible and that you communicate the outcome of these results.



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All other household members who remain well must stay at home and not leave the house for the 14 days.

The 14-day period starts from the day when the first person in the house became ill.

Household members staying at the home for 14 days will greatly reduce the overall amount of infection the household could pass on to others in the community.

If you are able to, move any vulnerable individuals (such as the elderly and those with underlying health conditions) out of your home, requesting that they stay with friends or family for the duration of the home isolation period.

Symptoms of COVID 19

The main symptoms of COVID 19 are:

- a new continuous cough and/or
- fever (temperature of 37.8 degrees or higher)
- loss of or changes in, normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia)
- children may also display gastrointestinal symptoms

Further COVID-19 Information

Further information is available at <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

Continuation of Education

Each class will be provided with two daily lessons which will be delivered through Zoom by their class teacher. The class team will post an activity pack home to provide pupils with work for each day that they are not in school. The class team will also provide home with daily contact through Class Dojo.

I appreciate that this is concerning, but we have worked very hard as a school to ensure safety and we are reassured that our processes are robust and continue to be updated and regularly scrutinised.

I appreciate your support and please do get in touch if you have any concerns, thank you for your understanding and ongoing support.

Many Thanks

Emma Pearce



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