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FOR PARENTS OF POSSIBLE CLOSE CONTACTS OF COVID 19

Advice for Child to Self-Isolate for 14 Days

Dear Parent/Carer,

I was notified on Saturday 17th October of a confirmed case of COVID-19 of someone who would have worked directly in close contact with your child. I can assure you that the person who has been confirmed was wearing a face shield and worked in a well ventilated area, however the advice from Public Health is that all direct contacts need to self isolate for 14 days.

We have followed the national and local guidance and have identified that your child did have contact with the affected individual. In line with the guidance we recommend that your child now stay at home and self-isolate until Wednesday 28th October 2020 and can return to school after half term on Monday 2nd November. The 14 day isolation period starts the day after they have last had contact with the individual who has tested positive.

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.

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



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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

Your class teacher will be in touch shortly to discuss the provision for learning at home.

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.

Many thanks for your ongoing 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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