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Dear Parent/Carer,

We have been notified today (21st September) of a confirmed case of COVID-19 within bubble 3. Your child is not part of this bubble and will have had no contact with the individual who has tested positive. Parents of pupils within this bubble have been notified.

We are continuing to monitor the situation and are working closely with Public Health England. This letter is to inform you of the current situation and provide advice on how to support your child. Please be reassured that for most people, coronavirus (COVID-19) will be a mild illness.

The school remains open and providing your child remains well they can continue to attend school as normal. As you will be aware we have lots of robust measures in place to prevent the spread and cross contamination. Children are working within bubbles and we have good hygiene and cleaning procedures in place to support this and we have adapted all routines so that bubbles operate in isolation. This information was shared in the letter we sent home at the end of August.

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.

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

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

Household members should not go to work, school or public areas and exercise should be taken within the home.

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

Symptoms

The most common symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) are recent onset of:

- new continuous cough and/or
- high temperature
- a loss of, or change in, normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia)



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This is why we are being more robust with procedures if pupils are showing any symptoms. The pupil is isolated and parents called as a matter of urgency. Obviously this is because we are unable to fully distinguish between coughs and colds and COVID and have to air on the side of caution. We would ask you to do the same. **For most people, coronavirus (COVID-19) will be a mild illness.**

If your child or anyone in the household does develop symptoms, you can seek advice from NHS 111 at <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/check-if-you-have-coronavirus-symptoms/> or by phoning 111.

How to stop COVID-19 spreading

There are things you can do to help reduce the risk of you and anyone you live with getting ill with COVID-19

Do

- wash your hands with soap and water often – do this for at least 20 seconds
- use hand sanitiser gel if soap and water are not available
- wash your hands as soon as you get home
- cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or your sleeve (not your hands) when you cough or sneeze
- put used tissues in the bin immediately and wash your hands afterwards

Further COVID-19 Information

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

Continuation of Education

If we do have to close classes or bubbles then we will be looking at ways to continue 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 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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