



15<sup>th</sup> March 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

We have been made aware that members of our school community have tested positive for COVID 19.

We know that you may find this concerning but 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 for other year groups and your child should continue to attend as normal if they remain well and have not been asked to stay at home.

There have been a few parental queries about teachers and contact with children who have tested positive. This is the ruling from Public Health England.

'Teachers can remain in school, as long as they were not in close contact with the positive case during the two days prior to symptom onset (or, if asymptomatic, then two days prior to test date), then they do not class as a 'contact' and can continue to go to school.'

As from Monday the 22<sup>nd</sup> March, until the end of the academic year, children will be taught in class bubbles. This means that they will only have contact with the children and adult in their class. The children will eat in the classroom and have separate playtimes.

To avoid the mixing of bubbles, Breakfast Club and After School Club will be cancelled until Easter. If you have accrued credit on your child's account, then you can either carry it over or have a refund.

### **What to do if your child develops symptoms of COVID 19**

If your child develops symptoms of COVID-19, or receives a positive test result, you must inform us immediately. Your child must not come to school and 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 10 days. This includes anyone in your 'Support Bubble'.

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

The 10-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.

If you require help with buying groceries, other shopping or picking up medication, or walking a dog, you should ask friends or family. Alternatively, you can order your shopping online and medication by phone or online.

Household members staying at home for 10 days will greatly reduce the overall amount of infection the household could pass on to others in the community

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

### **Symptoms**

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

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

For most people, coronavirus (COVID-19) will be a mild illness.

If your child does develop symptoms, you can seek advice from the nhs.uk website at <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/check-if-you-have-coronavirus-symptoms/>. If you are concerned about your child's symptoms, or they are worsening you can seek advice from NHS 111 at <https://111.nhs.uk/> 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 Information**

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

### **Blended Learning**

All lessons are available NOW for students to complete if they are isolating at home. Your child should log on to Class Dojo and complete the Learning tasks which are displayed.

The school has worked hard to ensure the appropriate measures are in place in school and the rest of the school remains open as normal. The school continues to follow all government and public health guidance on hygiene and safety measures.

Yours sincerely



Mrs J Knapp

Principal