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Dear all Parents/Carers,

COVID-19 Update

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.

Since my last letter to all parents earlier this week, I wanted to update you on what has happened over the weekend. Needless to say, this is a complex and rapidly changing situation and I want to make sure all parents are kept well informed so you can be assured that decisions are being made to support all pupils and the local community. I expect to be in touch regularly over the next few days as soon as we have anything further to report.

To date there have been 8 PCR confirmed COVID-19 cases in school. As a result those affected are already aware their child needs to self-isolate. In total, we currently have 324 pupils self-isolating either because they have been deemed close proximity contacts in school or through other community groups. In addition, we have been made aware that there are more children awaiting the outcomes of tests which have been taken over the weekend. Should any of these be positive, I will inform those affected by email and if it is urgent, we will text parents too.

I have updated the Department for Educational and Public Health England again today and I am currently awaiting their further advice which is expected tomorrow. The school remains open to all children who are not self-isolating and your child should continue to attend as normal if they remain well. Please email us if you have any concerns. It is incredibly busy, but we will do our very best to get back to you within 24 hours. It would help if you marked your email as 'urgent COVID-19 question' to help us prioritize.

We know that you may find this concerning but we are continuing to monitor the situation which is evaluated daily. It is critical that if your child develops symptoms, tests positive with either a LFT or a PCR you inform school immediately. Please read the further advice below.

Children who are self-isolating

The staff who are self-isolating are supporting the children with remote learning. You can contact them via ClassDojo. Teams meetings are also being set up so we can share work and carry out social check-ins. We know that children may not understand what is happening and we are more than happy to help where we can, please let us know if there is anything more we can do to help.

Yours faithfully

Adrian Nash

Adrian Nash
Headteacher

"A good school...where all groups of pupils make good progress... and some make outstanding progress"



What to do if your child develops symptoms of COVID 19

If your child develops symptoms of COVID-19, they 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 a PCR test (the normally available test type) 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 household isolation period includes the day the first person in your household's symptoms started (or the day their test was taken if they did not have symptoms) and the next 10 full days. This means that if, for example, your 10 day isolation period starts on the 15th of the month, your isolation period ends at 23:59 hrs on the 25th and you can return to your normal routine.

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

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

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