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Thursday 7th January 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to inform you that we have had a confirmed case of COVID-19 in school, and have taken advice from Public Health England and the DfE.

We have followed this guidance and our school COVID-19 risk assessment, and have identified that children in Year 1 may have been in close contact with an affected person. Year 1 staff and children will now self isolate and will return to school on **Monday 18th January**. This is to stop any potential spread of COVID-19 within the community. **Any children who have a sibling in another key worker bubble may attend school as normal.**

I understand it is difficult for children to self-isolate and this will not be easy. However, it is vitally important that we limit potential spread of COVID-19 for the safety of our local and wider community; it is also a legal requirement.

Household members do not need to self isolate unless someone in the household develops symptoms. If this happens, please arrange a test.

The latest guidance on COVID-19 can be found below.

Please see the link to: Guidance for contacts of people with confirmed coronavirus (COVID-19) infection who do not live with the person

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-for-contacts-of-people-with-possible-or-confirmed-coronavirus-covid-19-infection-who-do-not-live-with-the-person>

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 **should anyone within your household test positive**. This includes anyone in your 'Support Bubble'.

The 10-day period starts from the day when the first person in the house became ill.

If any household member tests positive, 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.





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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

If you are able, you can 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, should anyone in your household test positive

Please see the link to the PHE 'Stay at Home' Guidance:

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

Symptoms of COVID 19

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

- new continuous cough and/or
- high temperature and/or
- a loss of, or change in, 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





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Further Information

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

Yours faithfully,

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