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DIRECT OR CLOSE PROXIMITY CONTACTS
Children in Year 1 Advice to self-isolate

Advice for Child to Self-Isolate for 14 Days:

Dear Parent/Carer,

We have been advised by Public Health England that there has been a confirmed case of COVID-19 within the Year 1 bubble.

We have followed the national guidance and have identified that your child has been in close contact with somebody who has tested positive for COVID-19. In line with the national guidance your child **must now continue to stay at home and self-isolate up to and including Friday 23rd October 2020 providing they do not have symptoms and will return to school on Tuesday 3rd November after half term.** I appreciate that this is inconvenient for you, however, we have to follow Public Health guidance which now extends the self-isolation period.

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 this period of self-isolation, then they can return to school. You should not take your child for a test unless they develop symptoms. If they develop symptoms you should then get a test. If it is positive, your child should self isolate for 10 days from the test date and the household should self isolate for 14 days. If the test is negative, your child should still self isolate until the date indicated above. The household does not need to isolate in this case.

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-home-guidance-for-households-with-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection>

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 as advised in <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance> You should arrange for testing for your child via <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-getting-tested> or 111.nhs.uk or primary care. 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. **This includes dropping siblings at school.**

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

If your child 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 **119**.

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

- 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/>

Yours sincerely,



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