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Dear Parents

We have contacted today the Department for Education (DfE) COVID Helpline to seek advice as a parent of a child in our school community tested positive for COVID-19.

The DfE advised that, as the child had been self-isolating and not been in school since Friday and does not show symptoms or has tested positive, the bubble they are in does not need to close. The child is in Group A in Reception class and is in part-time so the risk to the rest of the school community is very low, as they have only been in their classroom and entering and leaving through the designated door.

Arrangements for all other children in the school will remain the same and they are expected to attend school as normal.

General Information

If you or 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.

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:

- 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 you or 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 Information

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

We have taken the decision to inform you of this case to ensure you have accurate and true information. The advice and guidance from the DfE does not state that we have to do this but we felt that the information should come first hand and be clear and transparent.

We send our best wishes to the parent and family for a speedy recovery.

Yours sincerely

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