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Dear Parents/Carers,

We are writing to inform you that there has been a new confirmed COVID-19 case in school within Year 1. This group has now been asked to self-isolate. This letter is to inform you of the current situation.

Please note that there have been no connections to any of the cases reported so far and that all reported cases have been traced back to external or household contacts. Moreover, there has been no spread from any of the cases reported so far. This is a strong indication that the systems in place are effective and that the virus remains under control.

I would also like to add that we are in constant communication with Public Health England and we are following stringent advice after each reported case on next steps that the school should take.

The school remains open and providing your child remains well they can continue to attend school as normal. We will keep this under review.

If there is a confirmed case of infection in your household, it is important to remind you that the whole household must isolate for at least 14 days. If your child still displays symptoms after the isolation period is complete, please refrain from returning the child to school and keep us informed.

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. Please inform the school immediately. In such a case, you will be advised to arrange a test for your child.

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

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

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.

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

If 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/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.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-to-educational-settings-about-covid-19>

Unfortunately, many schools around the country, including local schools, are reporting similar numbers in cases, with some schools reporting even higher numbers.

We want to assure you that we continue to implement very stringent measures against infection risk and these have proven to be very effective across the school.

At times there may be external factors impacting on all of us that we have no control over. In pursuit of reducing risk further, we therefore ask that you do follow current national safety measures regarding lockdown as stipulated by latest government guidelines.

We thank you in advance for your continued support and co-operation.

Yours sincerely

Headteacher
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