



23rd March 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

I am writing to inform you that a pupil within your child's year group has tested positive for coronavirus. In line with advice from Public Health England, we have taken the decision, supported by the Enquire Learning Trust, to close the Year 3 'bubble'.

As your child has been in contact with someone who has tested positive for the virus and in line with government guidance, we are asking that you keep your child at home to self-isolate for 10 days and follow the guidance below.

[COVID-19: guidance for households with possible coronavirus infection guidance](#)

See information below from the national guidance:

- If you have been informed that your child is a contact of a person who has had a positive test result for coronavirus (COVID-19), medical advice is clear: your child must immediately self-isolate at home for 10 days from the date of their last contact with them. There is no requirement for other members of your household to self-isolate unless anyone in your household starts to develop symptoms.
- Your child must not attend the setting.

If you or your child begins to show the above symptoms you must follow the national guidance. For most people, coronavirus (COVID-19) will be a mild illness. However, if you develop symptoms you must self-isolate at home and arrange to have a test to see if you have COVID-19 – visit [NHS.UK](https://www.nhs.uk) to arrange or contact NHS 119 via telephone if you do not have internet access.

Please ensure that you inform school if you or your child develop symptoms during the period of isolation as this will affect the date on which your child can return to school.

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 the 10 days period of self-isolation, then they can return to usual activities. You should not arrange for your child to be tested unless they develop symptoms and a negative test does not mean that your child can return to school earlier than 10 days.





Other members of your household can continue normal activities provided that your child or anyone else in the household does not develop symptoms within the 10 day self-isolation period. This means that if you have children in other year groups in school, they may continue to attend as normal unless anyone in the household develops symptoms.

Isolating means, according to the government guidance, that your child **should not leave the home** for the period of isolation. They should not go to school, or public areas, and should not use public transport or taxis.

They should not accompany you to go out, even to buy food or other essentials, and any exercise should be taken within your home.

Year 3 children will need to remain at home from today. As their last contact with the case was Friday 19th March, their 10th day of isolation will be Monday 30th March. They will return to school on **Tuesday 30th March 2021**. They can access their learning online during this time and this can be accessed via Class Dojo.

We understand that this disruption is far from ideal, particularly when most children have not been back in school for very long since the last lockdown period closed schools to most pupils again. I am sure you can appreciate however that we have to follow clear procedures in light of a positive case in the best interests for the health and safety of the school and wider community.

Please contact school via the admin email address or Facebook Page messenger service if you have any concerns and I will get back to you immediately.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Kathryn Thornburn

Principal

