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19th October, 2020

FOR PARENTS OF CLOSE CONTACTS OF COVID 19 AT NORTHWOOD BROOM ACADEMY

### **Advice for Child to Self-Isolate for 14 Days**

Dear Parent/Carer,

We have been made aware that we have further 2 confirmed positive cases of coronavirus (COVID-19) at Northwood Broom Academy. **Therefore, the school will be closed from the end of the day today (19<sup>th</sup> October, 2020).**

We have followed the national guidance and have identified that your child has been in close contact with the affected person. In line with the national guidance your child **MUST** stay at home and self-isolate until 28<sup>th</sup> October, 2020 (14 days after contact). **This means that your child MUST NOT leave the house until 28<sup>th</sup> October, 2020.**

If your child is well at the end of the 14 days period of self-isolation, then they can return to usual activities.

Please be reassured that we continue to follow our risk assessment which reflects the government guidelines closely. This includes an enhanced deep clean of the whole school site and equipment. If you are in receipt of TRUE free school meals, you will be contacted to arrange collection of a food hamper. This must be collected TODAY as the school will be closed at the end of the day today.

Each child will be bringing home a Remote Learning Pack for those children who are unable to access on-line learning. Each pack contains an exercise book for children to complete their work in. Class teachers will set work daily via the portfolio on Class Dojo for the remainder of this week (until Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> October, 2020). There is an expectation that ALL CHILDREN **MUST** COMPLETE THE HOME LEARNING SET,

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: 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>



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### 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 .

People who do not have symptoms should not request a test unless this has been specifically requested by Public Health England or the local authority.

All other household members who remain well must stay at home and not leave the house for 14 days. This includes anyone in your ‘Support Bubble’.

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. 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.

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 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

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)



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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 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

### **Further Information**

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

Yours sincerely

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Academy Principal



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