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Year 5 Bubble Closure Due to Positive COVID 19 Case

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We have just been made aware that a child in our Year 5 'bubble' has tested positive for COVID19.

We have followed the national guidance and contacted Public Health England and have identified that your child may have been in close contact with the affected child. In line with the national guidance, your child must stay at home and self-isolate until and including the 24th November.

The first possible return to school date will be Wednesday 25th November.

We know that the information in this letter may cause some anxiety to our community and we are very sorry that our Year 5 children will have to continue their learning remotely until the 25th November unless they develop symptoms.

We are continuing to monitor the situation and are working closely with Public Health England. This letter is to inform you of the current situation and provide advice on how to support your child.

We have been advised that your child must self-isolate 14 days from the last time they were in contact with the child, which is why the children will be able to return on the 25th of November.

If your child develops symptoms and consequently tests positive to Covid-19 please inform the school for our records.

NO EARLY COLLECTION TODAY

To reduce any cross contamination of bubbles, the staggered exit procedure will remain in place and the children will stay in school until 3.20pm. No early collection will be permitted, as office staff cannot cross bubbles.



Online learning

Google Classroom will be uploaded with a 3 day 'Get Going Pack' including instructions and all resources. This is to provide the children with learning opportunities, whilst the class teachers prepare further online work. We can make available printed versions of these 'get going packs', which can be picked up outside the school office on Monday – if you need these printed versions, please make the Year 5 staff aware of this as soon as you can. Online teaching will commence on 18th November however, children will need to register in Google Classroom by 9am each day from Monday 16th November. Further guidance for our online learning provision is on our school website. <https://www.wallacefields-jun.surrey.sch.uk/learning/home-based-learning>

Children's reports

Your child's report will be emailed to you on Friday 20th November. Should you want to discuss any of the report content, please email your child's teacher – which you will be able to find on our school website. <https://www.wallacefields-jun.surrey.sch.uk/classes/year-5>

COVID ISOLATION GUIDANCE

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

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>

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 or 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)

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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