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Dear Parent/Carer,

We have been notified of 2 confirmed cases of COVID 19 in school. In response, Public Health England have advised that all children and staff that have been in contact with the affected adult/child isolate.

We have followed the national guidance and PHE advice and have identified that children and staff in the year 3 and year 4 bubble have been in close contact with the affected child/adult. We have been working with Public Health England who recommend that if your child is in either of these bubbles they now stay at home and self-isolate until 23rd September 2020 (14 days after contact). The last contact with the affected child/adult was Tuesday 8th September.

The class teachers will continue to provide distance learning for all children in year 3 and 4 whilst they are at home, to complete if they feel well enough to do so. This will be through class do jos or purple mash.

We are asking that your child isolates to reduce the further spread of COVID 19 to others in the community.

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

Other members of your household can continue normal activities provided your child does not develop symptoms within the 14-day self-isolation period. Siblings can still attend school as they have not been in contact with the affected child/adult.

Please see the link to the PHE Staying at Home Guidance

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stayat-home-guidance-for-households-with-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection>

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.

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



Through learning and loving we will follow Jesus.

If you are able you 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

Symptoms of COVID 19

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, your normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia).

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/check-if-you-have-coronavirus-symptoms/> or by phoning 111.

If your child has a positive test result please inform school as soon as possible.

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/>

I appreciate that these are challenging times and have valued your support throughout. Our priority is to keep everyone in our school community safe and well.

Kind Regards
Mrs Newton