

Monday 19th September 2020

Dear Parent/Carer,

Confirmed COVID 19 case in school in a different class to your child

We have been advised that there has been a confirmed case of COVID-19 within the school, but not in your child/ren's class.

We are continuing to monitor the situation and 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. Please be reassured that for most people, COVID 19 will be a mild illness.

We have contacted the families of the children affected and have advised them to self-isolate.

Following an in-depth analysis of our mitigation measures in school, the circumstances around the likely contraction of the virus and a variety of other relevant information, we have been advised that the school can remain open and, providing your child remains well, they can continue to attend school as normal. We will keep this under review.

What to do if your child develops symptoms of COVID 19

For most people, especially children, COVID-19 will be a mild illness. The most common symptoms of 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)

If your child develops any of these symptoms of COVID-19, they should remain at home for 10 days and arrangements should be made for them to be tested. Testing can be arranged by calling 119 or via the NHS website: [nhs.uk/coronavirus](https://www.nhs.uk/coronavirus). When the result of the child's test is known further advice will be available.

If your child does develop symptoms you can seek advice from the NHS, either by calling 111 or reading the guidance on the website

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/check-if-you-have-coronavirus-symptoms/>

At that time all other household members must also stay at home for 14 days, not go to work, school or public areas, even for exercise.

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:

- 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

We shall continue to monitor the situation carefully and follow all guidance from Public Health England. If there is any further news please be reassured that we shall update you as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely,

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Headteacher