



21st October 2020

Outbreak Letter for School – Advice to Parents of pupils not directly affected

Dear Parents/Carers,

We have been made aware of a member of our school community who has tested positive for COVID 19 in Year 6. This is completely unrelated to the confirmed case in Year 4. Both cases are currently linked with external contacts to the school.

We know that you will find this concerning and we are continuing to monitor the situation and are working closely with Public Health England and the Local Authority. This letter is to inform you of the current situation.

Your child has not been in contact with the confirmed case and is therefore able to continue attending school.

All parents of children who may be directly affected have been contacted by phone and/or a specific email.

You do not need to get a test for your child unless they develop symptoms.

From Wednesday 21st October, children and staff in Year 6 will be self-isolating for the required period. Siblings of Year 6 are still required to attend school.

Although your child has not been identified as a close contact I would like to take this opportunity to provide you with general information on COVID-19.

General COVID information

What to do if your child develops symptoms of COVID 19

If your child develops symptoms of COVID-19 they should remain at home. Arrange for a COVID test via <https://www.nhs.uk/ask-for-a-coronavirus-test> or by calling NHS 119 and inform the head teacher.

If their test is negative and they can return to school when they are well.

If their test is positive they will need to self-isolate for **10 days** from the date when your symptoms start. All your household members must self-isolate for 14 days.



The date of symptom onset is day zero.

<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 symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) are:

- recent onset of new continuous cough or
- high temperature 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 you are concerned about your health or the health of anyone else in your house please seek advice from your GP or NHS 111 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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