



14th July 2021

FOR PARENTS OF DIRECT/ CLOSE CONTACTS OF A CONFIRMED CASE OF COVID 19 at Red Lane Primary School

Dear Parent / Carer

I write to inform you that a pupil in 3B has tested positive for coronavirus on a lateral flow test which means unfortunately this class bubble now needs to close. This result is being confirmed by a PCR test.

Your child has been identified as someone that needs to isolate as a result of contact with the affected person. I understand this is frustrating especially as the easing of restrictions moves closer and it creates a very disappointing end to the school year but we are bound to follow the current rules on isolation.

In line with the national guidance your child must now stay at home and self-isolate for 10 days since their last contact with the case. This means your child must isolate up to and including Friday 23rd July. They can resume their normal activities on Saturday 24th July. We have taken advice from public health to confirm these dates as we know that not returning to school before September is very disappointing.

Isolation means that your child should not leave the house during this time, which includes collecting and dropping siblings at school, playing out with friends, shopping or visiting family and friends. If your child is well at the end of the period of self-isolation, then they can return to usual activities.

PLEASE NOTE - A negative test does not mean that your child can return to school or stop isolating before the isolation period ends.

Other members of your household can continue normal activities (including attending school) provided your child does not develop symptoms within the isolation period. A link to the stay at home guidance can be found on our website (Our School tab – COVID 19 response).

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 symptoms appeared. You should arrange for testing via <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-getting-tested> or 111.nhs.uk.

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)

If your child 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.

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

Further Information

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



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Head of School