



7th November 2020

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

Dear Parent / Carer of Pupils in 6RH,

I apologise for the interruption of your weekend. I am writing to inform you that we been notified that a pupil in 6RH has tested positive for COVID 19.

We have followed the guidance, consulted the relevant professionals and also looked at our measures in school and have identified your child as someone that needs to isolate as a result of contact with the affected person. **In line with the national guidance your child must now stay at home and self-isolate up to and including Tuesday 17th November. This means that they must not leave the house for any reason which includes shopping, travelling or returning to school. They may return to their usual activities on Wednesday 18th November.**

The isolation rules are national and are to reduce the further spread of COVID 19 to others in the community. We are obliged to direct you to follow these rules.

If your child is well at the end of the 14 days 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 earlier than 14 days.

Other members of your household can continue normal activities (including attending school) provided your child does not develop symptoms within the 14 day self-isolation period. A link to the stay at home guidance can be found on our website (Our School tab – COVID 19 response).

On Monday we will provide an update on how you can access remote learning for your child during this time.

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](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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