



28th March 2021

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

Dear Parent / Carer,

I apologise for interrupting your weekend. Unfortunately, I have just been made aware of a positive case of COVID 19 within a pupil in the Reception bubble. I understand how frustrating this is for you all, particularly as it has not been long that all pupils have been back in school. It does however show that the virus is still active within the community and so in order to protect all pupils and families this will mean that **all** pupils in Reception will now need to self isolate.

You are asked to do this to reduce the further spread of COVID 19 to others in the community. The isolation period lasts for 10 days from the last contact with the confirmed case.

This means that your child must stay indoors up to and including Saturday 3rd April. During this time, your child may not leave the house for any reason including shopping, dropping siblings at school or socialising.

If your child is well at the end of the period of self-isolation, then they can return to usual activities on Sunday 4th April. PLEASE NOTE - A negative test does not mean that your child can stop isolating before this time.

Other members of your household can continue normal activities (including attending school) provided your child does not develop symptoms within the self-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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