

June 29-6-21 - Advice to All Parents re. Covid

Dear Parents and Carers,

Over the last three weeks we have had to close 5 classes due to Covid infection. This is putting the staffing of the school under strain and we are currently operating with approximately a 20% reduction in staffing capacity. I can only imagine the difficulties that this is creating for parents at home. It is a difficult time for us all. Clearly, as shared in previous newsletters infection rates are high. Several parents have reported into school that not all families are isolating as requested in line with government advice, which is a cause for concern. I would ask that all parents follow the government guidelines and they are shared below.

What to do if someone develops symptoms of COVID 19

If your child develops symptoms of COVID-19, they must not come to school and should remain at home for at least **10 days** from the date when their symptoms appeared. Anyone with symptoms will be eligible for a PCR test (the normally available test type) and this can be arranged via <https://www.nhs.uk/ask-for-a-coronavirus-test> or by calling 119.

All other household members who remain well, must stay at home and not leave the house for 10 days. This includes anyone in your 'Support Bubble'.

Further information is available at: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-households-with-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection>

- The household isolation period includes the day the first person in your household's symptoms started (or the day their test was taken if they did not have symptoms) and the next 10 full days. This means that if, for example, your 10-day isolation period starts on the 15th of the month, your isolation period ends at 23:59 hrs on the 25th and you can return to your normal routine.
- Household members should not go to work, school or public areas and exercise should be taken within the home.
- Household members staying at home for 10 days will greatly reduce the overall amount of infection the household could pass on to others in the community

For most people, coronavirus (COVID-19) will be a mild illness.

If your child does develop symptoms, you can seek advice from the nhs.uk website at <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/check-if-you-have-coronavirus-symptoms/>. If you are concerned about your child's symptoms, or they are worsening you can seek advice from NHS 111 at <https://111.nhs.uk/> or by phoning 111.

Further Information

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Yours sincerely,

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