

Monday 19th October 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

We have been advised by Public Health England that there has been a confirmed case of COVID-19 within the school.

All close contacts of the confirmed case have been identified and advised to self-isolate at home for 14 days. On this occasion the person testing positive was only in school for one day and had very limited contact which enabled us to identify and isolate anyone who was in contact with the individual quickly and effectively.

We are continuing to monitor the situation and are also working closely with Public Health colleagues and Dorset Council. This letter is to inform you of the current situation and provide advice on how to support your child.

The school remains open and, providing your child remains well, they can continue to attend school as normal and you do not need to take any further action.

All students must bring a **face covering** to school and wear it when moving around the school outside of their Year bubbles. We will continue to remind students to wash their hands regularly throughout the day.

What to do if your child develops symptoms of COVID 19

If your child develops symptoms of COVID-19, you should organise for your child to be tested via the [NHS online portal](#) or by calling 119. Your household should isolate until you receive the test results giving the all clear.

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)**

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

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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 from school or work
- 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
- Wear a face covering when in communal areas of the school outside of classrooms

Flu vaccination

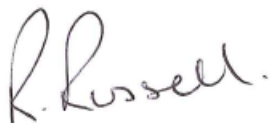
We would like to take this opportunity to remind you and your family to have the flu vaccination if you are eligible for this, especially if you are in a risk group. You can find out about risk groups and whether you are eligible for a flu vaccine at the [NHS Flu vaccine overview](#).

Further Information

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

I have attached a check sheet so you can have clear guidance on when to keep your child at home, how long for and what other actions you need to take.

Yours sincerely



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What to do if...	Action needed...	Return to school when...
...my child has COVID-19 symptoms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Do not come to school - Contact school to inform us - Self-isolate the whole household - <u>Get a COVID-19 test</u> - Inform school immediately about the test result 	...the test comes back negative
...my child tests positive for COVID-19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Do not come to school - Contact school to inform us - Earliest date for possible return is min 10 Days - Self-isolate the whole household 	... they feel better. They can return after 10 days even if they have a cough or loss of taste/smell. These symptoms can last for several weeks
...my child tests negative	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Contact school to inform us - Discuss when your child can come back – usually the same or next day 	...the test comes back negative and your child feels well enough to return
... my child is ill with symptoms not linked to COVID-19 (sickness and/or diarrhoea).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Do not come to school - Contact school to inform us - Ring on each day of illness 	... after 48 hours following the last bout of sickness or diarrhoea. As per attendance policy
... my child is ill with symptoms not linked to COVID-19 (runny nose and/or sore throat).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Check temperature and for symptoms of COVID19 - If no COVID-19 symptoms, come to school if well enough - If not well enough, ring on each day of illness 	... they feel better and are showing no symptoms of COVID-19
...someone in my household has COVID-19 symptoms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Do not come to school - Contact school to inform us - Self-isolate the whole household - <u>Household member to get a COVID-19 test</u> - Inform school immediately about the test result 	...the test comes back negative
...someone in my household tests positive for COVID-19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Do not come to school - Contact school to inform us - Agree an earliest date for possible return. (Min 14 Days) - Self-isolate the whole household 	...the child has completed 14 days of isolation
...NHS test and trace has identified my child as a close contact of somebody with symptoms or confirmed COVID-19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Do not come to school - Contact school to inform us - Agree an earliest date for possible return. (Min 14 Days) 	...the child has completed 14 days of isolation
... we/my child has travelled and has to self-isolate as a period of quarantine.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Do not come to school - Do not take unauthorised leave in term time - Consider requirements and FCO advice when booking travel. - Returning from a destination where quarantine is needed - Agree an earliest date for possible return. (Min 14 Days) - Self-isolate the whole household 	...the quarantines period of 14 days has been completed.
... we have received medical advice that my child must resume shielding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Do not come to school - Contact school to inform us - Shield until you are informed that restrictions are lifted and shielding is paused again 	...restrictions have been lifted and your child can return to school again.
... my child's class (bubble) is closed due to a COVID-19 outbreak in school	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Do not come to school - Your child will need to isolate for 14 days - Siblings can continue to attend - At home support your child with remote education provided by the school. 	...school informs you that the bubble will be reopened.