



11th October 2020

FOR CLOSE CONTACTS OF CONFIRMED CASES OF COVID-19: YEAR 9 Band H (Forms 9C, 9D and 9E)

Advice to Self-Isolate

Dear Parent/Carer,

Your child has been identified as a close contact of a confirmed case of COVID-19.

In line with the national guidance available below, we recommend that they now stay at home and self-isolate from Monday 12th October, up to and including Tuesday 20th October. **They will return to school on Wednesday 21st October.** (*This date is calculated from the start of the infection period of the confirmed case*).

We are asking you to do this to reduce the further spread of COVID 19 to others in the community. Please do not allow them to leave your household unnecessarily.

If your child is well at the end of the period of self-isolation, then you can return to usual activities. A negative test does not mean that you can stop self-isolation earlier than the recommended period.

Other members of your household can continue normal activities provided your child does not develop symptoms of COVID-19 within the self-isolation period.

Please see the link to the PHE Staying at Home Guidance

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

What to do if you develop symptoms of COVID 19

If you develops symptom of COVID-19, you should remain at home for at least 10 days from the date when their symptoms appeared as advised in <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance>.

You can arrange for testing for via <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-getting-tested>. All other household members who remain well must stay at home and not leave the house for 14 days. The 14-day period starts from the day when the first person in the house became ill.

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 14 days will greatly reduce the overall amount of infection the household could pass on to others in the community.



If you are able can, move any vulnerable individuals (such as the elderly and those with underlying health conditions) out of your home, to stay with friends or family for the duration of the home isolation period.

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.

If you do 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/>

Remote Learning:

Your child will be able to login to Microsoft Teams with their school email address. We will send out a letter by first class post with a reminder of their login details. Your child must make every effort to work from home and engage with the remote learning that teachers provide for them – they should be able to access live lessons and follow their usual timetable. Mr Mahmood, Deputy Headteacher will oversee learning opportunities for your child over the next 14 days. SEND students will receive adapted work on a personalised basis.

I am sure you understand that this is a precautionary measure that is designed to limit the spread of infection. Contact us if you have any problems accessing learning, or if you wish to notify us of any important information.

Thank you for your patience and understanding. We will continue to keep you updated as we move forward.

Yours faithfully,



Ms J E Vincent
Headteacher