



11th January 2021

Dear Parents/Carers

We have advised Public Health England that there has been a confirmed case of coronavirus (COVID-19) in school. **This is not within your child's class.** This letter is to inform you of the current situation and provide advice on how to support your child.

Please remember and reassure your child that for most people, coronavirus will be a mild illness.

We are monitoring the situation and working closely with Public Health England, following government advice which is:

- To carry out a thorough clean of the affected areas in school
- All children identified as close contacts or in the same class have been advised to self-isolate for 10 days.

The school remains open to children of key workers and provided your child is well; they can continue to attend school as normal. We will keep this under review.

We all need to remain vigilant by watching out for symptoms of coronavirus. The symptoms are:

- a new continuous cough
- and/or high temperature
- and a loss of or change in normal sense of taste or smell

If you or your child shows these symptoms:

- **do not come to school**
- inform the school of the situation
- self-isolate with your household
- book a test immediately

Please remain alert to your child being unwell, the top three symptoms above are more likely to be symptoms of Coronavirus. We have found that many children didn't display the main three signs of Coronavirus; their symptoms were a sore throat, or feeling really unwell, or muscle aches and pains. Although presentation of these symptoms is more likely to be a cold rather than Coronavirus.

There are things we can all do to help reduce the risk of you and anyone you live with getting ill with coronavirus:

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

Yours sincerely

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