



Shinfield Infant and Nursery School

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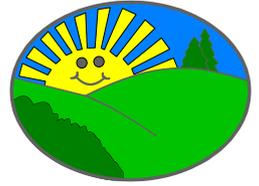
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Monday 19th October 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

Advice for Child to Self-Isolate for 14 Days

We have been made aware that we have a confirmed positive case of coronavirus (COVID-19) in F2 at this school. The child is in Willow Class but may have come into close contact with other children in F2 on the school playground and at After School Club and Breakfast Club.

In line with the national guidance and following our discussion with specialists from Public Health England, your child must stay at home and self-isolate until the end of Sunday 25th October as this marks the end of the 14 day isolation period as identified by Public Health England. If your child is well at the end of the period of self-isolation, then they can return to usual activities.

Other members of your household can continue normal activities provided your child does not develop symptoms within the 14 day self-isolation period. All other pupils, including siblings of any children required to self-isolate at home, should continue to attend school.

The safety of our school community remains paramount and consequently the decision to remain open for other year groups follows consultation and advice with Public Health specialists.

In school we will continue to follow a robust cleaning COVID-secure regime that includes ensuring key 'touch points' such as chairs, desks, toilets and door handles are disinfected regularly. This is in line with Public Health guidance.

Pupils who are required to self-isolate at home will be set work to complete at home. As previously all work will be set via the Home Learning Page on our school website. Mrs Foldvari the F2 Team Leader will have been in contact with all F2 parents regarding this.

We recognise that some pupils and parents will experience a variety of emotions in response to the requirement for children to self-isolate for this period of time. If you are concerned please do contact the school office and we will signpost you to additional support.

Please see the link to: Guidance for contacts of people with confirmed coronavirus (COVID-19) infection who do not live with the person

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-for-contacts-of-people-with-possible-or-confirmed-coronavirus-covid-19-infection-who-do-not-live-with-the-person>

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 their symptoms appeared. Anyone with symptoms will be eligible for testing and this can be arranged



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via <https://www.nhs.uk/ask-for-a-coronavirus-test> or by calling 119 . People who do not have symptoms should not request a test unless this has been specifically requested by Public Health England or the Local Authority.

All other household members who remain well must stay at home and not leave the house for 14 days. This includes anyone in your 'Support Bubble'.

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. If you require help with buying groceries, other shopping or picking up medication, or walking a dog, you should ask friends or family. Alternatively, you can order your shopping online and medication by phone or online.

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 to you 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.

Please see the link to the PHE 'Stay 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>

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 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.

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

Do

- 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/>

I do want to take this opportunity to share how impressive the whole school community has been in their return to school since September. The positivity and willingness of pupils in returning to school has been amazing. Pupils, staff, parents and carers have been enormously compliant in safe behaviours and it is clear to me as Headteacher they have taken seriously the risk and do not wish to place others in jeopardy.

Should you have any questions then please do contact me directly.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "AVTurner". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above a short horizontal line.

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