



Shinfield Infant and Nursery School

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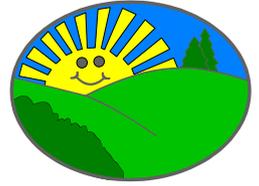
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Saturday 5th December 2020

Dear Parents/Carers of F2 children,

Advice for Child to Self-Isolate for 14 Days

This is to confirm the earlier message that we have been made aware that we have a confirmed positive case of coronavirus (COVID-19) in a member of F2 staff at this school. As a result of tracing close contacts today whilst the F2 parents were advised to self isolate as a precaution, the F2 bubble has been closed.

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 Monday 14th December and return to school on Tuesday 15th December** as this marks the end of the 14 day isolation period as identified by Public Health England. This is based on the staff member having last been in school on Thursday 3rd December and developing symptoms 48 hours after this. They have not been in school since. If your child is well at the end of the period of self-isolation, then they can return to usual activities.

You and 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.

F2 children and any other children who have been asked to self-isolate should not be on the school site. We recognise that this may present a problem for parents who cannot find childcare for their isolating child whilst bringing siblings to school. In this case the following exceptional arrangements can be made only for parents not able to come on the school site. Staff will be there to assist with this:

F1 Nursery – Children to be brought to Nursery gate on the byway at 8.30am and picked up at their agreed time with Nursery staff by the Nursery gate on the byway

Year 1 – Children to be brought to front door of old school house at front of school at 8.50am and picked up from there at 3.10pm

Year 2 – Children to come in to school by themselves if already doing this. If they are not we will arrange for Year 2 staff to meet them at the main gate. At the end of the day they will be brought to the car park gate by a member of Year 2 staff.

Please note this is ONLY for children whose parents are unable to come on the school site due to having to bring F2 siblings as there is no care for them at home. If you require this support please email the school office at admin@shinfield.wokingham.sch.uk or leave an answerphone message as soon as possible so arrangements can be made in good time.

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. Any areas in which the affected member of staff was working will be deep cleaned on Monday. All areas of the school were cleaned thoroughly last night and will be sanitised again on Monday whilst the school is closed for INSET day.



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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. **There is a separate letter coming out from F2 on Monday 7th December about the Home Learning.**

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 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 am sorry that we have had once again to close the F2 bubble. We will now use part of the INSET day on Monday 7th December to review our COVID-19 risk assessment and school procedures. We will advise you on Monday of any changes. This will not affect the beginning or end of the school day times.

I do want to take this opportunity to share how amazing all the children have been since the start of term. Children, staff, parents and carers have been enormously compliant in safe behaviours and it is clear to me as Headteacher that they have done all they can to prevent more outbreaks of this awful virus in our school.

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

Yours sincerely,



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