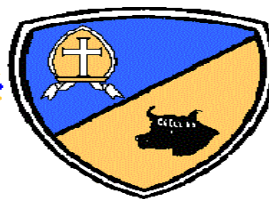


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General letter to all Parents, Carers and Staff following a positive case of Covid-19 in Year 5 and Reception Class

Dear Parents, Carers and Staff,

We have been informed that there has been a confirmed case of COVID-19 in both our **Year 5 Class** and **Reception Class**. We have followed the national guidance which was in place at the point of contact with the positive cases (Thursday 15 to Friday 16 July 2021 for all cases) and the advice of Wigan Council's Director of Public Health (a letter was sent to you on 14 and 18 July 2021 explaining their advice to continue class bubbles for week commencing 19 July 2021 http://www.saintlukes.wigan.sch.uk/serve_file/2153968) and the children who are close contacts of the positive cases are now self-isolating up to and including Monday 26 July 2021.

Reception children who were not in school on Thursday 15 and Friday 16 July 2021 are not required to self-isolate as a result of the positive case in their class. Year 5 children who were not in school on Friday 16 July 2021 are not required to self-isolate as a result of the positive case in their class. Due to the need for staff to self-isolate the children will be unable to attend school.

We know that you may find this concerning but we are continuing to monitor the situation and are working closely with Public Health England and the Local Authority Public Health Department. This letter is to inform you of the current situation and provide advice on how to support your child. Please be reassured that for most people, coronavirus (COVID-19) will be a mild illness.

The parents of the Year 5 and Reception children who have been in close contact with the individuals who have tested positive for coronavirus (COVID-19) have received a letter informing them that their child must self-isolate and stay at home up to and including Monday 26 July 2021.

The school remains open to all other year groups and unless your child is in Year 5 or Reception they should continue to attend as normal if they remain well. Children in Year 5 and Reception must self-isolate and not return to normal activities until Tuesday 27 July 2021.

What to do if your child develops symptoms of COVID 19

If your child develops symptoms of COVID-19, they must not come to school and should remain at home for at least **10 days** from the date when their symptoms appeared. Anyone with symptoms will be eligible for a PCR test (the normally available test type) and this can be arranged via <https://www.nhs.uk/ask-for-a-coronavirus-test> or by calling 119.

All other household members who remain well, must stay at home and not leave the house for 10 days. This includes anyone in your 'Support Bubble'.

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

The household isolation period includes the day the first person in your household's symptoms started (or the day their test was taken if they did not have symptoms) and the next 10 full days. This means that if, for example, your 10 day isolation period starts on the 15th of the month, your isolation period ends at 23:59 hrs on the 25th and you can return to your normal routine.

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

If you are able, 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

The most common symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) are recent onset of:

- a new continuous cough
- a high temperature
- a loss of, or change in, your 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/>

Yours sincerely,

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