



Park Primary School

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Dear Parent / Carer of a child in Reception,

20/11/20

We have been informed this morning that an individual in your child's bubble is isolating at home, in line with national guidance, because they received a positive COVID test result this morning.

As this individual was an immediate contact in your child's bubble, we have been advised to follow the national guidance to all schools which is to isolate the affected bubble. **Your child (and others in this bubble) cannot attend school for 14 days from the onset of the case's symptoms. This means their first day back on site will be Wednesday 2nd December 2020.** We completely understand that this is concerning for parents, and the time your child needs to stay at home may be inconvenient, but please be assured that we have acted quickly and in line with our risk assessment and national guidance to ensure that the risk is minimised as much as possible.

We have taken the decision to close your child's class as a safety measure to minimise the contacts the children have for this period of time.

Isolation

- We are asking you to do this to reduce the further spread of COVID 19 to others. If your child is well at the end of the 14 days period of self-isolation, then they can return to usual activities.
- Please keep your child away from other people as much as possible during this period.
- **Other members of your household (including other children) can continue normal activities provided your child does not develop symptoms within the 14-day self-isolation period. If you have other children in our school, they should still come in unless your child develops symptoms.**

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>

Testing

Your child does not need to be tested unless they develop symptoms during this period. Even if they were to be tested and then had a negative test, the current guidance is that they must remain at home for the 14 days. **If your child develops symptoms, they should be tested.**

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.
- 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 to, 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, 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 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, 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 hands) when you cough/ 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/>

Learning Learning activities will be posted on Tapestry daily for the children to access from home.

We apologise for the inconvenience this causes but I know you will agree that your child's safety, and that of the wider community, must come first - thank you in advance for your support in this matter.

If you have any further questions or would like to discuss this matter further, please contact the main office or email info@park.newham.sch.uk FAO COVID 19 question.

Yours sincerely, Natasha Ttoffali