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FAO: Parents or Carers of Children in 10 & Base

Dear Parents & Carers,

I am writing to advise you that a member of our school community has tested positive for COVID-19.

We have followed the national guidance and have identified that your child has been in close contact with the affected person. In line with the national guidance your child must now stay at home and self-isolate until Wednesday 25th November, even if they do not have symptoms. Your child can return to school on Thursday 26th November.

We are asking you to do this to reduce the further spread of COVID 19 to others in the community.

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 do not need to self-isolate unless your child starts to show symptoms of COVID-19. The symptoms are:

- a high temperature – this means they feel hot to touch on their chest or back; and/or
- a new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or three or more coughing episodes in 24 hours; and/or
- a loss of, or change in, your child's normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia).

Please be vigilant for these symptoms and if your child starts to display any of them, it would then be necessary for all other members of your household (including anyone in your support bubble) to self-isolate for 14 days.

If your child shows any of these symptoms, they should not attend school for at least 10 days after the onset of symptoms, and everyone else in your household should self-isolate for 14 days. Your child should also be tested for COVID-19, ideally within the first five days of having symptoms. Please see the NHS.UK website for more information on testing:



<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/testing-for-coronavirus/ask-for-a-test-to-check-if-you-have-coronavirus/>.

If you are concerned about your child's health, please refer to the NHS 111 website or telephone NHS 111 or your GP.

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/check-if-you-have-coronavirus-symptoms/>.

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>.

The safety and welfare of all our staff and children remains our top priority. We continue to undertake thorough cleaning of the whole school and a deep clean will be carried out in the appropriate areas of school following this positive case.

If you would like to speak to someone, or have any further questions, please email secretary@newbewerley.org.uk

With kind regards,

G German

Headteacher

