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FAO: Parents or Carers of children in Reception

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 **Thursday 24th December** even if they do not have symptoms.

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 with no COVID 19 symptoms, 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 feeling hot to touch on the 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, normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia).

If your child develops any of these symptoms they should stay at home and start to self-isolate and arrange to have a COVID-19 test. The whole household, including anyone in your support bubble, should stay at home while awaiting a home test kit or a test site appointment and whilst waiting for test results.

If your child then tests positive, or is unable to take a test 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 at least 10 days from the onset of symptoms.



If anyone else in your household develops symptoms and the test result is positive, they should then stay at home and self-isolate for 10 days from when their symptoms started, regardless of where they were in the previous 10-day period.

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@newbawerley.org.uk

With kind regards,

G German

Headteacher

