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Newsletter

2nd March 2021

As per the Prime Minister's instruction on the 22nd February all New Bewerley pupils will return to school, full-time, on the 8th March 2021. All of the staff are looking forward to welcoming the children back. We have certainly missed everyone. For this reopening it is the school's aim to replicate what was in place in December. Please read the important information and reminders below.

Symptoms of Covid-19

Symptoms of COVID-19 include:

- a high temperature – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)
- a new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

Self-Isolation

Self-Isolation means pupils should and can stay at home if they or someone they live with develops symptoms. Parents or carers must notify the school on the first day that their child needs to self-isolate. The pupil will stay at home until they or the symptomatic person they live with receives their coronavirus test results.

If the pupil's test result is negative: the pupil will return to school when they feel well and no longer have symptoms similar to coronavirus. They should continue to stay at home if they remain unwell (i.e. with a different illness).

If the person the pupil lives with tests negative: the pupil will stop self-isolating and return to school

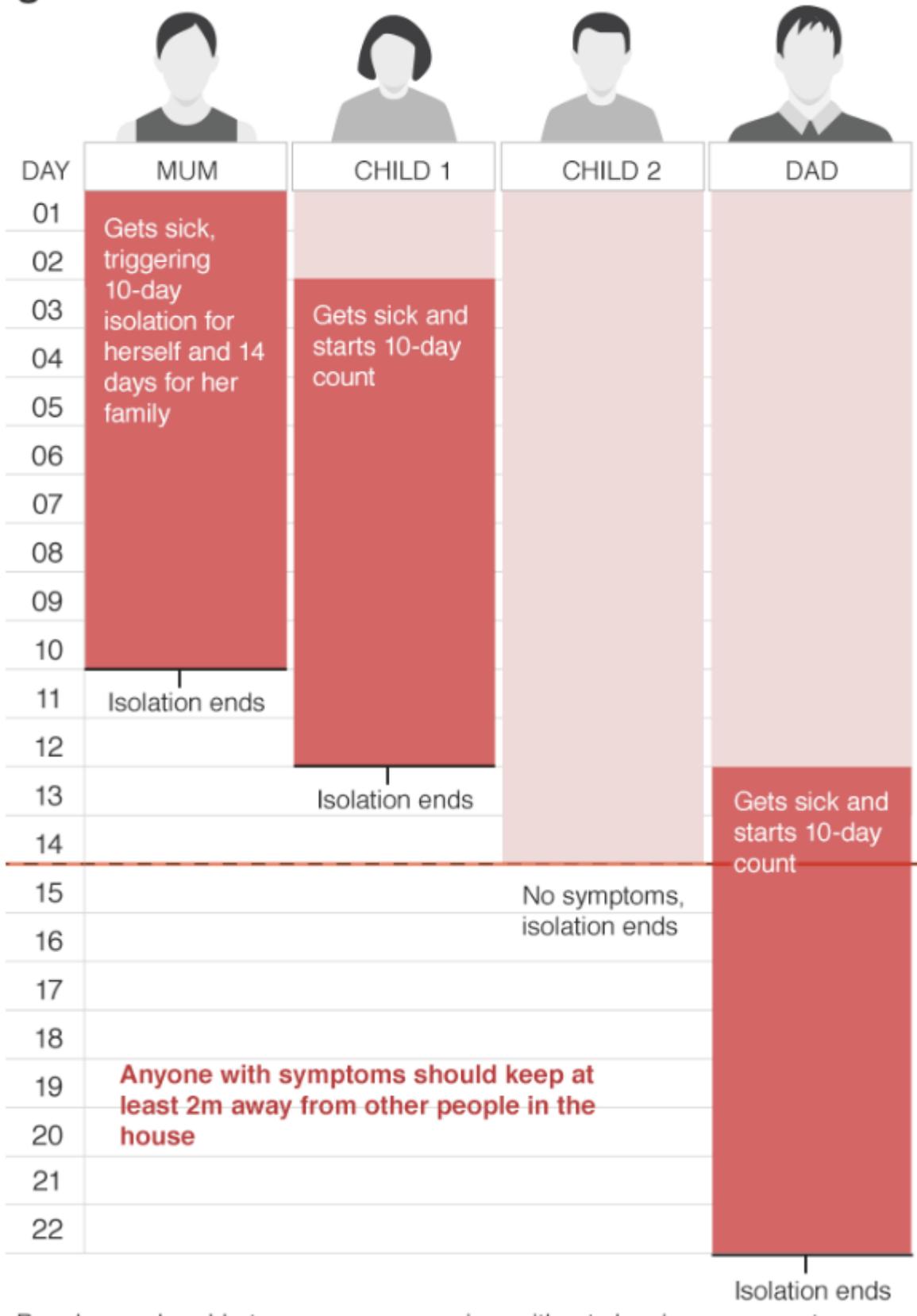
If the pupil's test result is positive: The pupil's parent/carer must notify the school about the positive test result as soon as possible. They must contact the school office at their earliest convenience. If it's the weekend or school holidays they can use the contact form on the school website.

Pupils who test positive must self-isolate for at least 10 days from the onset of symptoms, and must only return to school when they no longer have symptoms (other than a cough or a loss of sense of smell or taste).

If the person the pupil lives with tests positive: If a member of the pupil's household, support bubble or a 'close contact' tests positive, the pupil must self-isolate for 10 days. The pupil must do this from when the member of their household first had symptoms, or the day the pupil last met with the 'close contact' who received the positive result.

If children have to isolate they will be provided with lessons and activities to complete on Seesaw. Below is a diagram that explains self-isolation.

What happens if someone in your family gets sick?



Start times

Here are the start and finish times for March onwards. They are the same as December 2020.

	Arrive at...	Using the...	Collect at...	Using the...
Families with Youngest Child in R, 1 or 2.	8.40	MUGA Gate	3.05	MUGA Gate
Families with Youngest Child in 3, 4, 5 or 6.	8.40	Bismarck, 1-way system	3.05	Bismarck, 1-way system
Individual Children in R, 1, or 2	8.50	MUGA Gate on Dewsbury Road	3.15	MUGA Gate on Dewsbury Road
Individual Children in 3,4,5 or 6	8.50	Bismarck Drive, 1-way system	3.15	Bismarck Drive, 1-way system



1-way systems - don't abuse staff

During the pandemic I have asked for your patience and understanding, so thank you to all the parents and carers who offered their support and provided their opinions in a constructive manner. However please can I remind all parents and carers of the local authority's code of conduct for schools...

Our pupils and staff are entitled to learn and work in a safe environment. We welcome visitors to school and respectfully ask that any issues or concerns are raised politely with a member of staff so that they can be addressed. Staff will not engage with adults who are demonstrating abusive, threatening or violent behaviour. This behaviour could result in you being asked to leave the premises. Extremely serious or repeated incidents may result in future access to school premises being restricted.

It is not fair or acceptable for parents and carers to shout and swear at members of staff.

Face Coverings

Reminder - the school is advising parents and carers to wear masks in the school playground. Also, it is preferred, if parents and carers do not speak to staff at the beginning or end of the school day. If you do need to speak to staff make sure you are wearing a mask or call the school to arrange a telephone appointment.

If you would like your child to wear a mask they can bring one. However it is their responsibility and staff cannot help them put them on or take them off. Hygiene guidelines for mask wearers must also be followed.

Attendance & Punctuality

The updated attendance policy states, the school is...

- Ensuring every pupil has access to full-time education to which they are entitled
- Acting early to address patterns of absence
- Supporting parents/carers and pupils who are concerned about the coronavirus

I know that during these uncertain time parents and carers are being extra cautious and keeping children at home if they have coronavirus symptoms – Thank you. However, if you are worried about sending your child back to school please contact the school so that we can help you because the normal rules on legal sanctions still apply for non-attendance and absence from school. If you wish to read the policy in full, please visit the school website.

Again, it is extremely important for all pupils to arrive on time. It is much safer for pupils and staff if they enter and leave school through their classroom door. Fines can be issued for late arrival and collection.

Medical Conditions & Personal Information

Please let the school know by calling the school office if your child has been diagnosed with a medical condition or allergy since December. Also contact the school if you and your child/ren has moved house or you have changed any contact numbers. We need to make sure all information is correct and up-to-date.

Size of Bubbles

All bubbles in school are class bubbles, including the Rainbow Room. Therefore there are 2 bubbles in each year group with the exception of Reception which is one bubble. Some children may be members of several bubbles if they attend breakfast club, lunchtime club or after school club.

What happens if a bubble closes?

During the pandemic we have a moral obligation to do what we can to curtail the spread of the coronavirus. This includes asking children to be collected from the school if they are displaying symptoms.

In the event of a positive test and the closure of a bubble, you will be informed via our text message service and provided with an accompanying letter from Leeds City Council. Pupils within the affected bubble will then have to isolate for 10 days. Work will be provided for learners on seesaw.

Other settings

Previously, it was advised that children should not attend more than one setting during the pandemic, e.g. childminder's and school. This has now changed, children can attend different settings but please can parents and carers inform us if this is happening so we can share our risk assessment with the other setting.

Stationery, Possessions & Uniform & PE kits

As before, children are not allowed to bring stationery and possessions to school. They can wear their PE kits on PE days and it is advised that children's uniform is washed as regularly as possible.

Because the windows in class are open, children are allowed to wear extra layers of clothing. Children are permitted to bring jumpers, fleeces, hoodies etc.

Free School Meals

Now that all children are based on-site free school meal hampers will only be provided if a bubble closes.

Before & After School Club

As before, these are open. Breakfast club, 8am to 8.50am; after school club, 3.15pm to 5pm.

Laptops

If your child has benefitted from a laptop during the school closure this needs to be returned to the school (passed to the staff in your child's class) on Monday 8th March. These will be issued to children once more if their bubble closes or the school closes, thanks.

See you on Monday and please call the school if you have any questions.