



# St Francis of Assisi Catholic Primary School

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Dear everyone,

I am writing to let you know that there has been a confirmed case of Covid-19 within the school (in the Y3/4 bubble).

I would like to reassure you that we have followed the national guidance and dealt with the situation quickly and professionally.

We are continuing to monitor the situation and are working closely with Public Health England. This letter is to inform you of the current situation and provide relevant advice and support. Please be reassured that for most people, Covid-19 will be a mild illness.

The children and staff who have been in close contact with the individual who has tested positive for Covid-19 have received a phone call or a letter asking them to stay at home for 10 days, from the last contact. **They should return to school on Monday 1 February 2021.**

The school remains open and other children and staff should continue to attend as normal if they remain well.

## **What to do if you develop symptoms of Covid-19**

If you develop symptoms of Covid-19, you must not come to school and should remain at home for at least **10 days** from the date when your symptoms appeared. Anyone with symptoms is eligible for testing and this can be arranged via <https://www.nhs.uk/ask-for-a-coronavirus-test> or by calling 119.

If you develop symptoms, your household members must stay at home and not leave the house for 10 days. This includes anyone in your 'Support Bubble'. Household members should not go to work, school or public areas and exercise should be taken within the home.

The 10-day period starts from the day when the first person in the house became ill.

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 symptoms, or they are worsening you can seek advice from NHS 111 at <https://111.nhs.uk/> or by phoning 111.

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 of Covid-19**

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.

## **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/>

Please be assured you that we continue to deal promptly and professionally with circumstances as they occur; and the health and safety of our school community is at the heart of everything we do.

Yours sincerely

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