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FOR PARENTS OF CLOSE CONTACTS OF COVID 19 at Beechwood Primary Academy. (Year 1 Tower class and both Year 2 classes).

Advice for Child to Self-Isolate for 14 Days

Dear parent or carer,

We have been made aware that we have a confirmed positive case of coronavirus (COVID-19) at Beechwood Primary Academy.

We have followed the national guidance and have identified that your child may have been in close contact with the affected child (in the same Bubble). In line with the national guidance your child must stay at home and self-isolate until Thursday 19th November.

If your child is well at the end of the 14 days period of self-isolation, then they can return to usual activities.

Other members of your household can continue normal activities provided your child does not develop symptoms within the 14 day self-isolation period.

Please see the link to: Guidance for contacts of people with confirmed coronavirus (COVID-19) infection who do not live with the person

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-for-contacts-of-people-with-possible-or-confirmed-coronavirus-covid-19-infection-who-do-not-live-with-the-person>

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. Anyone with symptoms will be eligible for testing and this can be arranged via <https://www.nhs.uk/ask-for-a-coronavirus-test> or by calling 119 .

People who do not have symptoms should not request a test unless this has been

specifically requested by Public Health England or the local authority.

All other household members who remain well must stay at home and not leave the house for 14 days. This includes anyone in your 'Support Bubble'.

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. If you require help with buying groceries, other shopping or picking up medication, or walking a dog, you should ask friends or family. Alternatively, you can order your shopping online and medication by phone or online.

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 can, 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

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>

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

Home Learning - eschools

Home Learning will be online using eSchools as we did when the schools were closed. All children should have their log ins. If there are any queries about how to log in, please contact the school office. Home Learning will closely follow what the children would have been learning in school, so your support in making sure they can continue with this is of great value to their education and to a smooth transition back to school after the isolation period.

There is a timetable of learning for the week on Class and Group pages. In Homework, the children will find an explanation of their learning and space to upload their work. There is no expectation to print anything, all work can be done on screen or using pencil and paper. Homework can be uploaded using a photograph or typed directly onto the Homework. The expectation is 4 x 30mins per day. Please use eSchools messages to send any queries or questions or what you have been doing to your class teacher.

We hope to see the children back in school on Thursday 19th November.

Yours sincerely

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