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12<sup>th</sup> July 2021

## FOR PARENTS OF DIRECT/ CLOSE CONTACTS OF A CONFIRMED CASE OF COVID 19 at Masefield Primary School

Dear Parent / Carer of Pupils in our Year 3 class

I have been made aware of a positive Covid-19 case within our Year 3 class.

Having followed the guidance, consulted the relevant professionals and also looked at our measures in school I have identified your child as someone that needs to isolate as a result of potential contact with the affected person. **In line with the national guidance, your child must now stay at home and self-isolate until Monday 19th July. This means that your child must not leave the house for any reason which includes shopping, travelling or bringing siblings to school. Your child may return to school on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> July.**

The isolation rules are national and are to reduce the further spread of COVID 19 to others in the community. We are obliged to direct you to follow these rules.

**Testing for contacts** - People who have been in contact with someone who has tested positive with COVID-19 can now get a PCR test during their 10-day self-isolation period, whether or not they have symptoms. Around 1 in 5 people who have been in close contact with a person with COVID-19 will go on to have COVID-19 themselves, and around 1 in 3 of those will have no symptoms but can still spread the virus. Getting a test when you're a contact helps to find if you're one of those people and, if so, to ensure your contacts are self-isolating. This is how we break the chains of transmission. Even if you test negative, you will still need to complete your 10-day self-isolation period, because the virus can incubate for that time.

If your child is well at the end of the 10 day period of self-isolation, then they can return to usual activities.

Other members of your household can continue normal activities (including attending school) provided your child does not develop symptoms within the 10 day self-isolation period. A link to the stay at home guidance can be found on our website (Our School tab – COVID 19 response).

**We will provide an update on how you can access remote learning for your child during this time.**

### What to do if your child develops symptoms of COVID 19

If your child develops symptoms of COVID-19, you should arrange for testing via <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-getting-tested> or 111.nhs.uk.



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### 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)

If your child does develop symptoms, you can seek advice from NHS 111 at

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

- 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/>

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