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Dear Parent,

### **Advice for your child to Self-Isolate for 10 days**

We have been notified today of a positive case of COVID-19 in school. Due to the close nature of interactions in Reception, we are closing the bubble for any children who were in school on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2021. Test and trace guidance advises us to go back 48 hours from the onset of symptoms which is why the 10 day self-isolation period is dated from Sunday. We understand that your child has been in school for the last few days and appreciate that this may cause confusion, but the notification of a positive case has just been received today.

**In line with the national guidance we recommend that your child now stays at home and self-isolates until Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021.**

Your child must **not** go to school or any public areas: your child must remain at home. Further details of what your child needs to do are in NHS Guidance: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/testing-for-coronavirus/nhs-test-and-trace-if-youve-been-in-contact-with-a-person-who-has-coronavirus/>

We are asking you to do this to reduce the further spread of COVID 19 to others in the community. If you need support with isolation, please contact your local Council. Other members of your household can continue normal activities provided your child does not develop symptoms within the self-isolation period. If your child is well at the end of the period of self-isolation, then they can return to usual activities.

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

For most people, especially children, COVID-19 will be a mild illness. The most common symptoms of 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 develops any of these symptoms of COVID-19, they should remain at home and arrangements should be made for them to be tested. At that time all other household members must also stay at home, not go to work, school or public areas, even for exercise. Testing can be arranged by calling 119 or via the NHS website: [nhs.uk/coronavirus](https://www.nhs.uk/coronavirus) When the result of the child's test is known further advice will be available.

**Please do not send your child for a test if they are not displaying any symptoms.**

### **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 is available at [nhs.uk/coronavirus](https://www.nhs.uk/coronavirus)

Yours sincerely,  
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