

24th March 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

I am writing to inform you that unfortunately we have had a further positive case of Covid-19 confirmed within school, which has resulted in the closure of another bubble. All children and families involved have already been informed. This does not affect the rest of the school year groups as they do not identify as close contacts and we would like to reassure you that the measures we have in place continue to meet current government guidance to minimise disruption to education for as many pupils as we can at all times.

The safety of our school community is paramount and would remind you all to:

- Follow current guidelines for social distancing in the community
- Wear a face covering (unless clinically exempt) when on school grounds
- Remain within your household bubble and avoid mixing with other household bubbles

What to do if your child develops symptoms of COVID 19

If your child develops symptoms of COVID-19, they must not come to school and 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.

All other household members who remain well, must stay at home and not leave the house for 10 days. This includes anyone in your 'Support Bubble'.

Further information is available at: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-households-with-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection>

The 10-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 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

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)

Should you have any further questions then please do get in touch with your child's class teacher via the Class Dojo app or contact the school office on 01709 512202.

Many thanks for your continued support. Please do take care and stay safe.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'L. M. Ridge'.

Mrs L Ridge

Headteacher