

21 March 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

**RE: COVID-19 Update**

Unfortunately, over the weekend we have had more positive test results for COVID 19.

In light of this, I have made the decision to close the school building on **Monday 22 March 2021** for a deep clean. I intend to re-open the school on **Tuesday 23 March 2021**. Staffing levels should improve as they return from their period of self-isolation.

Senior Leaders are making every effort to manage this challenging situation safely.

Remote learning will be available for all students when they are not in school.

The people who have been in direct prolonged contact with the confirmed cases have been told by telephone from a member of staff and will be staying at home for 10 days.

If anyone in your family develops symptoms or tests positive on their lateral flow tests, please inform the school immediately. Jo, Jayne and Leanne are available on their work phones and they will be able to quickly get a message to me.

I am working closely with Public Health during this time.

Our thoughts are with the staff and the students who have been affected. I wish them a speedy recovery.

I have added some additional information at the end of the letter for you, but if you have any worries, please contact us and we will do our best to help you.

Thank you, once again, for your understanding and support.

Yours sincerely

Rachel Davies  
Headteacher

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## **Additional information**

### **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 14 days. This includes anyone in your 'Support Bubble'. Further guidance 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 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 to, 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:

- new continuous cough and/or
- high temperature
- 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 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

### **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/>