

# Westacre Infant School



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FOR PARENTS OF CLOSE CONTACTS OF COVID 19 at Westacre Infant School

## **Advice for Child to Self-Isolate for 10 Days**

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have been advised by Public Health England that there has been a confirmed case of COVID-19 within the school.

We have followed the national guidance and have identified that your child has been in close contact with the affected individual. In line with the national guidance we recommend that your child now stay at home and self-isolate up until and including **Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> July 2021** (10 days after contact). The isolation period includes the date of your child's last contact with the affected individual and the next 10 full days. Your child can return to school on **Monday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2021** if they remain well and do not develop any symptoms.

During self-isolation your child is unable to leave your household for the identified period above. This period of isolation applies to attending both school, other settings/clubs and social interactions with friends – it is essential that your child does not mix with anyone outside your household, go on public transport or go out to places like shops or sports clubs or to exercise. Your child should also not socialise during this period with other children from the isolating bubble.

We are asking you to do this to reduce the further spread of COVID-19 to others in the community.

If your child is well at the end of the 10 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 10 day self-isolation period.

Please see the link to the PHE Staying 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>

## **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.

All other household members who remain well must stay at home and not leave the house for 10 days.

The 10-day isolation period includes the day symptoms started (or the day the test was taken if there were no symptoms), and the next 10 full days.

Household members should not go to work, school or public areas and exercise should be taken within the home.

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 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 and/or
- a loss of, or change in, normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia)

However as a precautionary response to the new variants circulating in Wolverhampton it is recommended locally that anyone experiencing any symptoms or new ill health presentations however mild undertakes a PCR test to identify positive cases and prevent onward transmission.

## **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/>

Yours sincerely,



Headteacher