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Dear Parents / Guardian

I have been made aware of members of our school community who have tested positive for COVID-19. I know that you may find this concerning, but I am monitoring the situation and working closely with Public Health England. This letter is to inform you of the current situation and provide advice on how to support your child.

The members of the school community tested positive for COVID-19 on Monday 26th October. Public Health England and the Department for Education have assured me there is no impact on Castlefields Primary School due to the length of the incubation period. The school therefore remains open for all year groups from Monday 2nd November, and your child should continue to attend as normal if they remain well.

If you have any COVID-19 positive cases in your household please ensure that you email me: r.lee@castlefields.org.uk

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/askfor-a-coronavirus-test> or by [calling 119](https://www.nhs.uk/askfor-a-coronavirus-test).

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 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 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.



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)

For most people, coronavirus (COVID-19) will be a mild illness.

If your child does develop symptoms, you can seek advice from the nhs.uk website at <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/check-if-you-have-coronavirussymptoms/> If you are concerned about your child's symptoms, or they are worsening you can seek advice from NHS 111 at <https://111.nhs.uk/> 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/>

For our attendance records, please inform school if your household is isolating due to COVID-19.

As you will be aware, Castlefields Primary School have strictly followed the guidance provided by the government and have robust control measures in school to ensure as safe an environment in school as possible. We would ask all families to follow national guidance to ensure that we all play our part in keeping our community safe.

As always, I would like to thank you for your support. As I receive further updates, I will forward them to you to ensure that the children and the whole school community are as supported as possible.

Yours sincerely

Mrs R Lee
Headteacher

