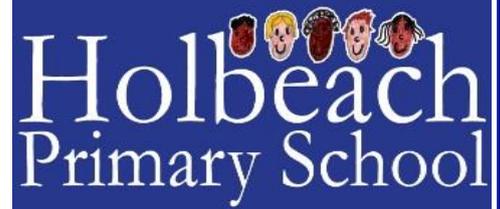


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Monday 7th December 2020

Dear Parent/Carer

RE: FOR PARENTS OF DIRECT CLOSE CONTACTS OF A CONFIRMED CASE OF COVID-19 IN 4B AT HOLBEACH SCHOOL (Advice for Child to Self-Isolate for 14 Days from Friday 4th December)

I am writing to inform you that we have been advised 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 case. It is important that you try not to worry and follow the advice below.

In line with the national guidance, we strongly recommend that your child now **stay at home and self-isolate until Friday 18th December** (14 days after contact). Information about the remote learning that we are providing for your child during this period can be found at the end of this letter.

Please note that the first day your child should come back to school will be **Tuesday 5th January 2021**.

We are asking your child to self-isolate in order to reduce the further spread of COVID 19 to others in the community.

What Self-Isolation Means

Self-isolation means they should:

- stay at home;
- ask friends or family members to bring them things they need such as medication and groceries or use delivery services for shopping which must be left outside your home for you to collect;
- as much as possible, separate themselves from others with the door closed or stay at least 2 metres (6 feet) away from people in your home;
- stay away from vulnerable individuals such as the elderly and those with underlying conditions as much as possible;
- stay in a well ventilated room with a window that can be opened to keep air moving;
- sleep alone, if possible;
- clean toilet/bathrooms after their use if you share then with others (wiping surfaces they have come into contact with every time);
- wash their hands regularly for 20 seconds, each time using soap and water;
- use separate towels at all times from others in the household;
- stay in touch with others over the phone or through social media

They should **not**:

- go to school, public areas or use public transport or taxis;
- go outside unless they have access to your own garden;
- invite people into their/your home;
- share towels, bedding or eating utensils and dishes, cups and glasses.

For further details, please see the link to the Governments '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>

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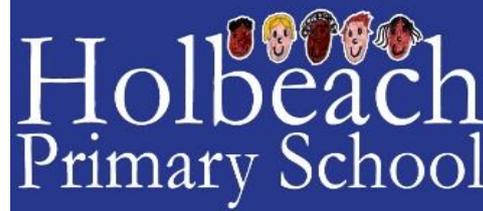
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If your child is well at the end of the 14 days period of self-isolation, then they can return to usual activities.

Other members of your household can continue normal activities provided your child does not develop symptoms within the 14-day self-isolation period.

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.

All other household members who remain well must stay at home and not leave the house for 14 days. 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, 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, 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 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 is available at

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

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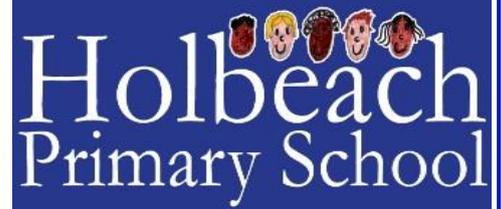
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Online (Remote) Learning

One of our main priorities is for your child's learning to continue. Therefore, **online/remote learning for the children in 4B will start from tomorrow.**

Learning can be accessed via Microsoft Teams every day from 9am. Your child should log in in the same way they access their weekly home learning. If you have mislaid your child's login details, please contact the school office.

To download Microsoft Teams please [click here](#).

If you experience any difficulties, please do contact the school office.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation in this challenging time.

Yours sincerely

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