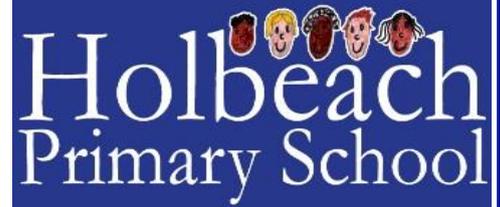


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Tuesday 2nd March 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

RE: SINGLE CASE OF COVID-19 IN THE SCHOOL: ADVICE TO ALL PARENTS OR CARERS

We are writing to confirm that we have been advised that a person in our school has tested positive for coronavirus.

Please note: Your child has NOT been identified as a close contact of the case and they do not need to self-isolate.

What the school has done

We have undertaken a full risk assessment and everyone who has been in contact with the person who tested positive has been identified and advised to self-isolate. Your child has NOT been in contact with the positive case according to public health guidance and can continue as normal. This letter has been sent to all families in our setting to let them know of the current situation and provide advice on how to support their child.

The school remains open to the other key worker bubbles and providing your child remains well they can attend school as normal when the phased re-opening of the school allows them to do so.

What to do if your child develops 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 or anyone in the household does develop symptoms, you can seek advice from NHS 111 at: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms/> or by phoning 111.

If your child develops symptoms of COVID-19, they should get a test and 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 10 days, unless the test result is negative. Please inform the school of any symptoms and test results.

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.

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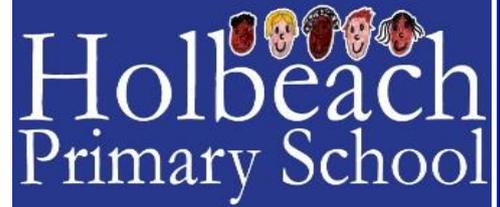
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If you require help with buying groceries, other shopping or picking up medication, or walking a dog, you should ask friends or family. Alternatively, you can order your shopping online and medication by phone or online.

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.

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-covid19/>

Next Steps

The phased re-opening of the school will continue to go ahead as planned. The children in the Early Years Foundation Stage (Nursery and Reception) and Key Stage One (Year 1 and Year 2) return to school on Monday 8th March and the children in Key Stage Two (Years 3, 4, 5 and 6) return to school on Monday 15th March. **Nevertheless, this is a timely reminder for everyone to ensure that we exercise personal responsibility and strictly follow the government's guidelines.**

We know that this is a difficult time for our families and thank you for your support as we work to keep our school and wider community safe.

Yours Sincerely,

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