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COVID19 case – Key Stage 1

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Dear Parents/Carers

We have been advised by Public Health England that there has been a confirmed case of COVID-19 within Key Stage 1 at Midsomer Norton Primary School.

We have followed the national guidance and have identified that your child **may have** been in close contact with the affected individual as they attended school on Friday 4th December. **Following advice, I have decided that school will be closed for all Key Stage 1 children (Mars Class, Venus Class and Pluto Class) from 9th December. This will mean that children in Key Stage 1 will be expected to return to school after the Christmas holiday.**

Work will be set for children in Year 1 and 2 by their teachers using Google Classroom. We strongly encourage children to undertake any learning tasks set to minimise the disruption to their learning. You have already been sent login details and instructions for how to access Google Classroom. Instructions can be found in the letters section of our website:

(<https://www.midsomernortonschoolspartnership.com/uploads/files/google-classroom-instructions.pdf>).

If you have misplaced your child's login details, please contact the school office via email. Teachers will be in contact via email tomorrow during the morning with more information about how and when work will be set.

In line with the national guidance, your child should now stay at home and self-isolate for 14 days. 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 14 day period of self-isolation, then they can return to usual activities on Saturday 19th December.

Other members of your household can continue normal activities provided your child does not develop symptoms within the 14 day self-isolation period. **If your child has a sibling in another year other than Year 1 and 2, they can attend school as normal.**

Please see the link to: Guidance for contacts of people with confirmed coronavirus (COVID-19) infection who do not live with the person

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-for-contacts-of-people-with-possible-or-confirmed-coronavirus-covid-19-infection-who-do-not-live-with-the-person>

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 14 days. This includes anyone in your 'Support Bubble'.

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, you can 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.

Please see the link to the PHE 'Stay 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>

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)

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-coronavirus-symptoms/>. 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/>

Yours sincerely



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