

COVID19 case – KS2

Dear Parents/Carers

We have been advised that there has been two confirmed cases of COVID-19 within the KS2 bubble at Longvernal School, including a pupil that has been in school displaying no symptoms.

We know that you may find this concerning, but we are continuing to monitor the situation and are 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. Please be reassured that for most people, coronavirus (COVID-19) will be a mild illness.

Following advice taken today from Public Health England, I have decided that school will be closed for KS2 students (Maple Willow & Sycamore classes) from Monday 9<sup>th</sup> November. This will mean that children in these classes will not be able to attend school until Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> November.

Work will be set for children in these classes by their teachers – more details to follow. I expect all pupils to undertake any learning tasks set.

**The school remains open for all other year groups as we have followed Government guidance on the use of ‘bubbles’, where children in different bubbles are kept separate. This means that the risk of anyone contracting the virus outside of the KS2 bubble is relatively small.**

As a reminder, I have detailed below the government advice regarding COVID 19:

### **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/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’.

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

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**

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)

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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.

Yours sincerely

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