

# *Whitley & Eggborough Community Primary School*

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**Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> February 2021**

Dear Staff, Parents, Carers and Governors,

Over the past week we have been advised by Public Health England that there have been seven confirmed case of COVID-19 within the school. In addition to this there are staff who have been identified as close contacts who are self-isolating until half term.

I have been in touch with the persons concerned and in the cases of some of the staff, unfortunately they are quite unwell and we therefore do not anticipate their return to the class before half term. In order to ensure that we continue the education for all children and to safeguard the safety and well-being of the children and staff within the classes we have made the difficult decision to keep some of the bubbles in school closed until after the half term break. Please see below for the status of your child's class in school for clarification.

Acorn / Pine Bubble (Reception and 1 Year 1) – closed Thursday / Friday – **reopen 8<sup>th</sup> February 2021**

Elm/ Cherry/ Pine (Year 1) to remain closed until half term – **reopen 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2021**

Chestnut – to remain closed until half term – **reopen 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2021**

Maple – to remain closed until half term – **reopen 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2021**

Sycamore/ Willow - closed Thursday / Friday – **reopen 8<sup>th</sup> February 2021**

Oak- closed Thursday / Friday – **reopen 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2021**

**Remote Learning on line continues with the same excellent provision for all children both home and at school with teachers continuing to deliver the curriculum across all years.**

Please note that staff who come into school will continue to take the Lateral Flow Tests twice weekly next week and at the end of the half term break which will give us an indication of the infection transmission.

Over the half term break I will of course be in touch with all staff and especially those who are currently unwell to ascertain how we will be able to reopen – however there may need to be some changes in bubbles – however the half term break will enable us to manage these changes safely. I will also continue to be in touch with Governors / Public Health / Local Authority and DfE in order to ensure we are able to safely and effectively continue with all the education provision offers that were in place at the start of this lockdown in January 2021.

We know that you may find this concerning and possible inconvenient to your work 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.

### **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 10 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 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.

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.

## 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 or anyone in the household 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*

- follow the self isolation guidance fully
- 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

**PLEASE INFORM SCHOOL (Miss Langridge) of any positive cases either from children in or out of school as we are required to report these to the DfE.**

## Further Information

Further information is available at <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

Please use this letter as evidence for your employer of the situation that we currently find ourselves in at Whitely and Eggborough Primary School.

In the meantime – please stay safe and take care.

Yours sincerely  
Sarah Langridge  
Headteacher