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**Monday 15<sup>th</sup> June 2020**

*Excellence with Compassion*

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope everyone continues to stay well.

We have had some lovely creative activities going on in the classes last week. Bubble 4 enjoyed sewing and Bubble 3 designed and made some great monsters:



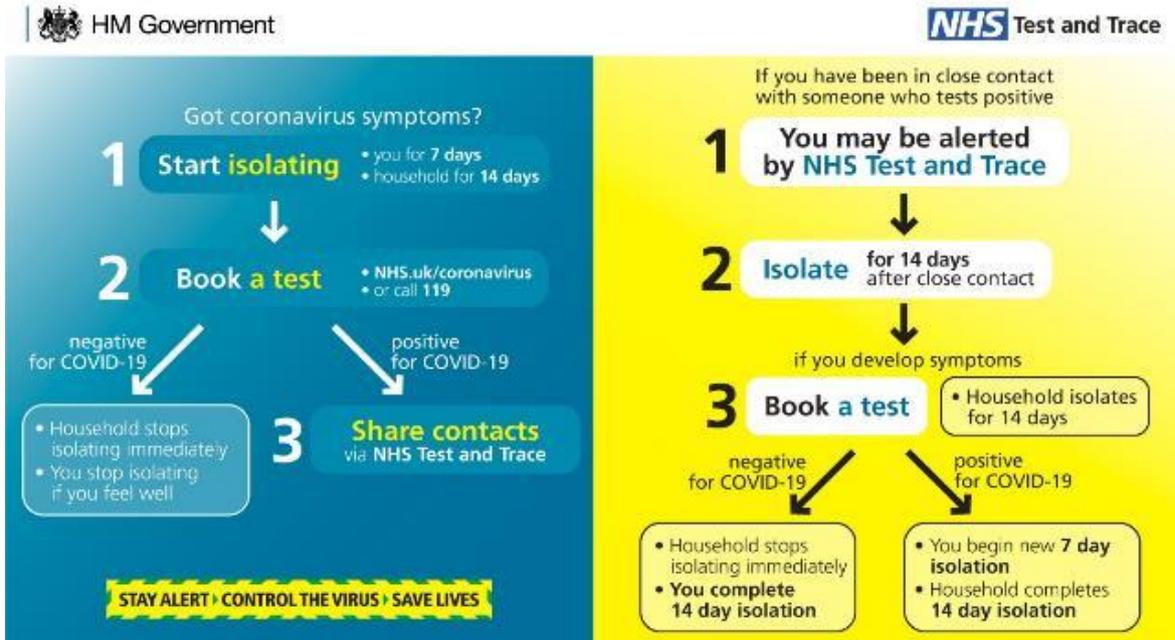
## **We aim to be welcoming back more children from 22<sup>nd</sup> June**

On Friday and today, we made phone calls to all children eligible to return to school, as we are planning to welcome a new intake of children from Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> June. Thank you to all families who have responded as this can now help us to plan for opening more widely. We have many more families who have told us that they would like their child to return from next Monday. Senior leadership and governors will be meeting on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> to discuss how we can safely accommodate all children who would like to return. A letter will be posted on our website confirming further details and how we will open to more children from 22<sup>nd</sup> June, whilst still closely following our risk assessment and ensuring the safety of our school community.



## Do you have Covid-19 symptoms?

Please see below. We have been asked to advertise the following:



## Thrive Youth Club – from the heaven’s Gate Mission:

In April, we were hoping to launch a Youth Club called Thrive, but with everything that has been going on we decided to take it online. So far, we have released a couple of episodes and have more planned for the near future. Thrive is for young people but we also find that all the family can get something out of it too. In each episode James and Jack take part in a fun challenge that can be done at home and we encourage everyone to take on their friends and family and then send in their attempts to us. We also share a message of hope at the end to encourage and support all through this difficult time. You can see our videos by going to the Heaven’s Gate Mission YouTube page -

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC9jmF31oAgEMdU3u70EZ5Sw>



## Protocol for responding to a suspected case of Covid19

In the event that school has a suspected case of Covid 19 we will do the following:

- Anyone who begins to display coronavirus symptoms (**temperature, dry cough, loss of taste or smell**) while in the setting should be sent home immediately and follow government guidelines on [what to do if you or someone in your household develops symptoms](#). (**Immediately self isolate for at least 7 days, do not go out, do not go to the GP, hospital or pharmacy. Follow guidance on [testing to arrange this.](#)**)
- If a child is waiting to be collected, they should be separated from their group and isolated with one member of staff if this is possible. (**Children will be isolated in the finance office located next to The Office**)
- **As an extra precaution, any child showing any sign of illness will be sent home.**
- For staff, a facemask should be worn if a distance of 2 meters cannot be maintained from a child who is symptomatic and awaiting collection and if contact is necessary, then gloves, an apron and a facemask should be worn.
- If a risk assessment determines there is a risk of splashing to the eyes, for example from coughing or spitting, then eye protection should also be worn. (**Staff have their own personal visor**).
- Once the child or member of staff has left the setting, settings should follow [Cleaning of non-healthcare settings](#) to ensure areas they have been in are disinfected and any PPE and other waste is disposed of safely.
- Once early years and childcare providers open to more children, all staff and children who are attending a childcare setting will have access to a test if they display symptoms of coronavirus, and are encouraged to get tested in this scenario. Visit the [guidance on coronavirus testing and how to arrange to have a test](#).
- **Negative:** Where the child or staff member tests negative, they can return to school and the fellow household members can end their self-isolation.
- **Positive:** If the child or staff member tests positive, the rest of their immediate group (or bubble) within their school should be sent home and advised to self-isolate for 14 days.
- **The other household members of those advised to self-isolate do not need to self-isolate unless the child or staff member they live with subsequently develops symptoms.**
- **Staff absences with specific roles:**
  - **DSL:** designated safeguarding leads have been timetabled so there will always be at least one DSL on premises
  - **First Aid:** all TAs and teachers are first aid trained
  - **Pediatric first aid:** there will always be a pediatric first aider on site
  - **SENCO:** in our SENCO's absence the Headteacher will deputise
- As part of the national test and trace programme, if other cases are detected within the setting, Public Health England's local health protection teams will conduct a rapid investigation and will advise settings on the most appropriate action to take. In some cases a larger group may be asked to self-isolate at home as a precautionary measure. Where settings are observing guidance on infection prevention and control, which will reduce risk of transmission, **closure of the whole setting will not generally be necessary.**

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/preparing-for-the-wider-opening-of-early-years-and-childcare-settings-from-1-june/planning-guide-for-early-years-and-childcare-settings#Section4>

I hope all of our families and staff continue to stay safe,

Best wishes

Rebecca Anson  
Headteacher