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Dear Parents/Carers,

As you will be aware, we have had to close a class because of a positive case of Covid 19.

We need our whole school community to work together to ensure that we limit the risk of transmission of Covid 19.

If a child or adult tests positive for Coronavirus in school: the class is closed and all children and staff in the class must isolate for a set amount of time. When we have clarification from Public Health we will tell the class/bubble and let them know the date at which they can end isolation and return to school.

If your child is in the class that is isolating, other members of the family can still go out: brothers and sisters can still go to school, parents can still go to work, if you are an adult who is isolating because you have been in contact with someone who has tested positive for Covid 19, your children can still go to school.

It is only the person who has had contact with the individual(s) who have tested positive for Covid that must isolate. Not contacts of contacts. **Contacts of contacts do not need to isolate.**

Isolation: means that the child or adult must stay inside at home for 14 days and must not go outside or mix with others out of the family home.

My child is in a class that is isolating, can I bring my child with me when I drop their brother or sister at school? Yes you can, but only for the trip to school and back. Your child should not be going in any shops or mixing with any other people. Please do not take them to the park or let them play in the square or anywhere else with other children. So for example if your child is in reception, they should not be out playing or mixing with others.

To clarify:

Symptoms of Covid	New or continuous dry cough Temperature (over 38C) Loss of taste or smell
My child has symptoms	They must stay home and isolate for 10 days. Book a test for your child. www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19 or call 119



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	Tell school straight away and let us know the result as soon as you get it. The whole family must stay home for 14 days . Do not send their brothers or sisters into school. If the test comes back negative then the family can come out of isolation.
I have symptoms	Book a test – you must isolate for 10 days The whole family must isolate for 14 days
My child is in a class that has to isolate but they don't have symptoms.	Their brothers or sisters can still come into school. The isolating child must stay at home.
We have just got back from another country and don't know if we have to isolate.	Do not come into school. Phone school and we can check for you. Or look at https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-travel-corridors this gives you a list of countries that are OK and you do not have to quarantine/isolate when you return
We had a test before we travelled from another country and it was negative. Do we still need to quarantine?	Yes. The people who travelled must quarantine for 14 days from the day you arrived in England.
My child wants to play outside after school	In normal circumstances I would not dream of asking this of parents, but sadly we are not in normal times at the moment. We can not insist, we can only advise and we advise that they don't play with others out of school. Children are currently mixing with lots of other children from other classes or other schools when they are out of school. We need our community to work together to limit the spread of the virus. We are keeping children separate in school – we ask that you please keep them separate out of school.
It's my child's birthday and we want to have a party.	The government have said that no more than 6 people can meet at a time either inside or outside. This includes children. Again, normally we wouldn't dream of saying this but, we advise against parties.
My child develops symptoms in school	We will call you. Your child will sit in a room with an adult until you can collect them. Your child will not be taken away anywhere. Your child will not be given a test in school. Children can not be tested with out their parent being present.
My child is in a class that is not isolating and I do not want them to come to school.	The government has advised that unless a class is isolating or a child or family member has symptoms, your child must be in school.
We have family members who are vulnerable and there is a case of Covid 19 in school. I do not want my child to come to school.	We advise that you consult your doctor and get their advice as to whether your child should be in school or whether the whole family should be shielding/isolating.

We understand there is a lot of anxiety in our community, but we can work together to limit the risk of infection and avoid more classes or school closing.

If you have any concerns at all, please do phone us.

Best wishes

Rebecca Anson
Headteacher