# King Edwin Primary School

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## Advice to All Parents - COVID case in our school community

Dear Parents,

We have been made aware of two members of our immediate school community and 1 person from within a household in our community that have tested positive for COVID 19 over the school holiday period.

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 in the event that anyone in your household develops symptoms. Please be reassured that for most people, coronavirus (COVID-19) will be a mild illness.

<u>No child or staff member has been in close contact with the individuals concerned during the stated 48</u> <u>hour infectious period</u>. In fact there has been a minimum period of 6 days between any possible contact with any individual that has received a positive test.

As such, we have not been asked to contact any specific individual in school regarding being a contact however, we would ask that everyone in school remains cautious in their approach to this virus. Please remain vigilant and be especially cautious of any possible COVID symptom that any member of your household experiences.

### Symptoms

The most common symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) are recent onset of:

- a new continuous cough (several times within one hour)
- a high temperature
- a loss of, or change in, your normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia)

The school and all class bubbles will remain open and your child should continue to attend as normal at the end of the autumn break on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November if they remain well.

# A quick reminder...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 <u>https://www.nhs.uk/ask-for-a-coronavirus-test</u> 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: <u>https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-households-with-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection</u>





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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.

## 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 <u>https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/check-if-you-have-coronavirus-symptoms/</u>. If you are concerned about your child's symptoms, or they are worsening you can seek advice from NHS 111 at <u>https://111.nhs.uk/</u> 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:

- 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 <a href="https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/">https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/</a>

Please also remember to keep the school informed as much as possible during this challenging time. We want to know about any household cases and also of any possible hardship caused by this pandemic. We are here to help and want do anything we can to keep our KEPS family safe and supported.

You can contact us via helpandsupport@kingedwin.notts.sch.uk \*All communication will remain confidential

Stay safe and take care everyone,

Mr Callaghan-Wetton

\*\*This communication was written in conjunction with Public Health England and as such includes general advice for members of the public and not just for our school community.

