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FOR PARENTS / CARERS OF CLOSE CONTACTS OF COVID-19 AT MOORPARK JUNIOR SCHOOL.

**Advice for Child to Self-Isolate for 10 Days – Year 6 bubble
closed from Thursday, 13th May 2021**

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have been made aware that we have a confirmed positive case of coronavirus (COVID-19) at Moorpark Junior School

We have followed the national guidance and, following a risk assessment with Public Health England (PHE) advisers, have identified that your child has been in close contact with the individual who has had a positive test result for coronavirus (COVID-19). In line with the national guidance, your child must stay at home and self-isolate until **Saturday, 22nd May, 2021 (10 days after contact)**.

Your child will return to school on Monday, 24th May, 2021.

If your child is well at the end of the 10 day period of self-isolation, then they can return to their usual activities and attend school as normal.

Other members of your household can continue normal activities, provided your child does not develop symptoms within the 10 day self-isolation period.

For more information, please see the guidance for contacts of people with confirmed coronavirus (COVID-19) infection who do not live with the person:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-for-contacts-of-people-with-possible-or-confirmed-coronavirus-covid-19-infection-who-do-not-live-with-the-person>

School Ongoing Support Information

Your child will be able to access their school lessons and work via google classrooms from Thursday, 13th May, 2021.

Your child **must** take part in all remote learning, this **so important to ensure they do not miss any more learning** so that they can keep up with the progress they are making so well. Please do not disadvantage your child by letting them not take part in the daily timetable. All of the children know how to use the google classroom and turn in their work when it is complete. All of the teaching and support staff will be online to help your child. You must get in touch if we can support you in any way.

Please collect a laptop from the school office as soon as possible in the morning of the first day, a text has already been sent for you to let us know that you need one at home. We can also provide you with a FREE wifi code if needed.

What to do if your child develops symptoms of coronavirus (COVID 19)

Having been identified as a close contact, if your child then develops symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19), they should remain at home for at least 10 days from the date when their symptoms appeared. Symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) are a new, continuous cough, or a high temperature, or a loss of, or change in, their normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia). Anyone with symptoms will be eligible for a PCR test - this is the type of test that is normally available and can be arranged via <https://www.nhs.uk/ask-for-a-coronavirus-test> or by calling 119.

People who do not have symptoms or have not tested positive using a Lateral Flow Device should not request a PCR test unless this has been specifically requested by Public Health England or the local authority.

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'.

The household isolation period includes the day the first person in your household's symptoms started (or the day their test was taken if they did not have symptoms) and the next 10 full days. This means that if, for example, your 10 day isolation period starts on the 15th of the month, your isolation period ends at 23:59 hrs on the 25th and you can return to your normal routine.

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. If that is not possible, anyone with symptoms should try and stay as far away as possible from vulnerable members of your household.

For more information, please read PHE's 'Stay at Home' guidance:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-households-with-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection>

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 <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.

How to stop coronavirus (COVID-19) spreading

There are things you can do to help reduce the risk of you and anyone you live with getting ill with coronavirus (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

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

School Ongoing Support Information – polite reminder on importance of your child completing their learning at home.

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Free School Meals Information

If your child is eligible for free school meals, we will also be contacting you with details of how to receive this.

We understand how concerning this is for everyone, please get in touch with school via email or telephone to share your concerns and for any further information.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Peters.
(Headteacher)