



Thursday 15th October 2020

Advice to All Parents - Single case

Dear Parents,

We have been made aware of a staff member in Year 5 who has tested positive for COVID 19. This staff member has not been in school since Friday 9th October. The Department for Education has advised us that due to the close contact that may have taken place on Thursday 8th October and Friday 9th October, the school should take the decision to close this Year 5 class.

Since we have been working in Year Group bubbles the staff member may have had close contact with other staff within that year group. Therefore, we have taken the decision to send all children in Year 5 and the staff home to self-isolate as a precaution for 14 days. This means that **all children in Year 5 should not come to school until after half term on Monday 2nd November**. We will be providing work for Year 5 children to complete at home and will be in touch with you about how to access this.

The school remains open to all other Year Groups and any other children should continue to attend as normal providing all members of the household remain well. The remainder of this letter is advice from Public Health England. Please do not hesitate to contact the school if you have any further questions enquiries@claycots.com or 01753 521215.

Yours sincerely,

Sarah Mijatovich
Headteacher



Further information from Public Health England

We know that you may find this concerning but we are continuing to monitor the situation and are working closely with Public Health England. 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 14 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 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.

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 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 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

- 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/>