



Monday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2020

## Advice to Parents & Carers of children in Year 5 - All Classes (Town Hall Campus)

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have been advised by Public Health England that there has been a confirmed case of COVID-19 within your child's year group. Public Health England have instructed us that due to the close contact that may have taken place, the school should close the whole Year 5 Year Group at the Town Hall.

All staff and children in Year 5 should stay at home and self-isolate as a precaution for 14 days. This means that **all children in Year 5 should not come to school until Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December. Although this will be the last day of term, it is important that Year 5 children attend on this day for a check in with their class teacher before the Christmas holidays. Staff will also be preparing an end of term celebration for them to look forward to!**

We will be providing work for children to complete at home. A home learning pack for the remainder of this week has been added to a share point today. On Friday, our Year 5 team will upload work for pupils to complete next week. Your child has taken an exercise book home with them today for them to complete their work in.

All home learning can be accessed by clicking this link [https://claycots1-my.sharepoint.com/:f/g/personal/websitestorage\\_claycots\\_com/EswgTKtgP1IEmVORmDX8XHoBnXjaHM\\_odSjXTF69Z7FW7Q?e=ZFDwl9](https://claycots1-my.sharepoint.com/:f/g/personal/websitestorage_claycots_com/EswgTKtgP1IEmVORmDX8XHoBnXjaHM_odSjXTF69Z7FW7Q?e=ZFDwl9).

You can submit photographs of your child's work to their teacher by e-mailing [year5th@claycots.com](mailto:year5th@claycots.com)  
Your child's class teacher will also make contact with you and your child on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> December for a first of a couple of phone calls during the self-isolation period.

**If you have other children in other year groups they should continue to come to school as normal, if they and members of your household are fit and 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](mailto:enquiries@claycots.com) or 01753 521215.

We know that you may find this concerning but 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 on how to support your child. 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 (Guidance below)**

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/>

Yours sincerely,

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