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## **Term 2 Covid Updates**

Dear Parents/Carers,

I would like to take this opportunity to send a few reminders around recent communications related to remote learning and COVID-19.

### **Remote Learning:**

Following recent communications around remote learning, I have outlined below the guidance we have sent previously regarding what is on offer for your child depending on the scenario.

**1. *Scenario 1: My child is self-isolating but their class is still in school.***

Your child will have access to the Google Drive. Please navigate to your child's year group folder where you will find a wealth of activities across a range of subjects.

If your child's class teacher is well and teaching in school, the daily lessons taught in class will also be uploaded onto the drive. These will be in the relevant term's folder (i.e. Term 2 for this term's work) and the folders will have the 'week beginning...' date each week to make it clear which work should be accessed.

**2. *Scenario 2: My child's class bubble has closed due to a confirmed case.***

Your child will be able to access the remote learning offer via Google Classroom. This will include recorded videos for maths and English and related activities.

If the class teacher is unwell, the children will need to revert to scenario 1 and access the activities uploaded onto the Google Drive.

**3. *Scenario 3: The class are in school but the class teacher is self-isolating.***

If the class teacher is well but has to self-isolate, learning will be delivered live from the teacher's home into the classroom. Another member of staff will be in the classroom at all times.

If you have any problems accessing the remote learning offer, please contact the school office. For all communications around remote learning, please see the [Remote Learning Platform](#) on the school website



## **A class bubble closure:**

If your child's class bubble has to close due to a confirmed case, we will communicate this with you as soon as we are able to via text and email. If we have identified that your child has been in close contact with the affected person, as part of the same bubble, we will ask that you keep your child at home and self-isolated for 14 days from the date of your child's last contact with the confirmed case. The school will notify you of the self-isolation period following a meeting with PHE representatives from the Local Authority.

Please note that this is in line with the government's **new legal obligation** to self-isolate and you could be fined if your child does not **stay at home and self-isolate** following a positive test result for Covid-19 or due to being a close contact of a confirmed case. This is in line with national guidance to help stop the spread of Covid-19 to other members of the community. Please see the link to the Public Health England Staying at Home Guidance for those with [possible/confirmed Covid-19 infection](#) and guidance for those who are [close contacts of confirmed Covid-19 infection](#).

This guidance states that anyone who is a confirmed case or a close contact of a confirmed case must stay at home and should not go to school or public areas, nor use public transport or taxis. This is because your child may be at risk of developing COVID-19 for the next 14 days. Since we now know that people can become infectious up to 2 days before symptoms begin, you could spread the disease to others if you do not go into self-isolation. Even if your child never develop symptoms, they can still be infected and pass the virus on without knowing it.

National guidance states only those identified as a close contact of a confirmed case must isolate:

- Provided your child does not develop symptoms within the 14-day isolation period, other members of your household can continue their usual activities. If your child does develop symptoms, all members of your household must isolate for 14 days from the day your child's symptoms started.
- Siblings within your household can still attend school as normal as long as your child isolating does not have symptoms and the sibling is symptom-free.
- The rest of the school will remain open.
- You do not need to request a test for your child unless they display COVID-19 symptoms.

## **Frequently Asked Questions:**

### **Q. Can key worker children from the affected bubble class still attend?**

**A. No** – the guidance is very clear that all children within the bubble must isolate for the 14-day period.

### **Q. Can siblings of the bubble class still attend?**

**A. Yes**, the guidance is clear that only the children within the bubble who had direct contact need to isolate. Other family members can carry on as normal unless anyone in the household develops symptoms.

### **Q. My child is in another class, should I send them in?**

**A. Yes** - national guidance is that all children who are not in the affected bubble are expected to attend school as normal.



**Q. Should I get my child tested for Covid-19?**

**A.** No, please don't get them tested UNLESS they develop any of the Covid-19 symptoms:

- **a high temperature** – where your child feels hot to touch on their chest or back
- **or a new, continuous cough** – this means coughing a lot, for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours
- **or a loss or change to sense of smell or taste** – this means they cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

If a child is tested without symptoms, or too soon, this could result in a false negative, which means they receive a negative result before symptoms develop and they do in fact go on to develop Covid-19.

**Q. I have siblings in both the closed class and other classes, and don't have anyone to look after my isolating child to bring my other child/children to school. What do I do?**

**A.** We are consulting Public Health England to try and find a safe solution to this and are working with parents in this situation to try and find solutions for them such as pick up/drop off earlier or later than others, other parents collecting and dropping off their other child/children or teachers meeting the other child/children from a vehicle drop off point. If you find yourself in this situation, please contact the school office ASAP and we will get back to you to make suitable arrangements. Please remember that anyone who is a close contact of a confirmed case must stay isolated **at home** and will **not be permitted on the school site**.

**Q. Will the bubble classroom be deep cleaned?**

**A. Yes**, the class and all resources and areas which children in the affected bubble have used will be deep cleaned.

**Q. Why has the whole school not been closed for a deep clean?**

**A.** Due to the bubble system and children not accessing areas within the school beyond their class there is no need to change our already enhanced cleaning programme for other areas. The class and cloakroom have been deep cleaned.

**Q. My child has a cold should I get a Covid-19 test?**

**A.** Only if they have any of the symptoms of Covid-19. They should attend school if they are fit to do so. But if they have a fever, keep them off school until the fever goes. Get advice if you're worried about your child and not sure what to do – it could be another illness and not Covid-19.

**Q. In what other circumstances should I NOT send my child to school?**

**A.** South Gloucestershire Council has produced a quick Covid-19: Is my child too ill for school? guide for parents and carers to help you understand when NOT to send your child to school, the steps to take and when to send them back. Visit [www.southglos.gov.uk/schoolreturn](http://www.southglos.gov.uk/schoolreturn) to view the guide.

**Q. Can school provide me with a test?**

**A.** No, if a child is displaying symptoms a test should be booked through <https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test>. Each school has been given 10 tests to be used in emergencies for children displaying symptoms where parents are unable to access a test site and need support.



**Q. Should parents and carers socially distance when dropping off and collecting their child/children?**

**A. Yes** - please remain two metres apart where possible and wash your hands before and after visiting school. We are staggering start and finish times and are using different points of entry to minimise the number of people on site at any one time.

If you have any other questions, please contact the school office.

Once again, thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards

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