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Dear Parents/Carers,

We have been made aware that a member of our school community has tested positive for coronavirus. This member of staff works in our school kitchen and has followed all procedures correctly and has already begun a period of self-isolation with their family. Furthermore, as a result of the positive test result, our two other members of kitchen staff have taken tests and now must self-isolate for 14 days.

This means our school kitchen is now closed and the School Meals Service have organised a deep clean of the kitchen. School meals, which for us is a packed lunch at the moment, will be provided via a hub kitchen at a local school until further notice. This system ran very smoothly and safely during the school closure period and will enable pupils to have a school dinner each day. There will be no snack available for KS2 pupils for the next two weeks, I am afraid – apologies for any inconvenience.

We are continuing to monitor the situation and are working closely with Public Health North West. This letter is to inform you of the current situation and provide advice on how to support your child. Please be assured that for most people, coronavirus will be a mild illness. Following advice from Public Health, school will remain open as normal to **all** classes as no child has been found to have any symptoms of coronavirus. Providing that your child remains well, they should attend school as normal each day. We will keep this under constant review.

What to do if you child develops symptoms of COVID-19

If your child develops symptoms, they should remain at home for at least 10 days from the date when their symptoms appeared as advised in:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance>

You should arrange testing for your child via:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-getting-tested>

All other household members who remain well must stay at home and not leave the house for 14 days. The 14 day period starts from the day when the first person in the house became ill.



Household member should not go to work, school or public areas and exercise should be taken within the home. 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 (e.g. the elderly or those with underlying health conditions) out of your home to stay with family or friends for the duration of the home isolation period.

Symptoms of COVID-19

The most common symptoms of coronavirus are the recent onset of:

- A new, continuous cough
- A high temperature
- A loss of or change in normal sense of taste and smell

For most people, coronavirus will be a mild illness. If your child does develop any symptoms, you can seek advice from NHS 111 at <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/check-if-you-have-coronavirus-symptoms-or-by-phoning-111>.

How to stop COVID-19 spreading

There are things we can all do to help reduce the risk of any of us or the people we live with getting ill with coronavirus:

- 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 when coughing or sneezing – do not use your hand
- Put tissues in the bin immediately and wash your hands afterwards

Further information is available at <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

We will continue to monitor this situation and indeed any future situations linked to coronavirus in line with our robust risk assessment and guidance provided by Public Health, our Local Authority and the Department for Education. As always, you will be informed and updated as and when we have any new or relevant information to share.

Yours sincerely,

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