



Date 25/5/21

## For parents/carers of close contacts of covid 19 case at The Firs.

Dear Parents/carers,

### Advice for Child to Self-Isolate for 10 Days

We have been advised that there has been a case of COVID-19 within the school/setting.

We have followed the national guidance and local public health advice and have identified that your child has been in close contact with the affected child. In line with the advice we have received, we recommend that your child now stay at home and self-isolate until Monday 1st June.

We have received public health advice that we should advise you to book a PCR test for your child. This is to ensure that more asymptomatic cases are identified. If your child has a positive test result then other members of the household will be directed to self isolate and we would be grateful if you could let us know. (If the result is negative, your child will still need to complete the 10 day isolation period.)

We are asking you to do this out of caution and to reduce the further spread of COVID 19 to others in the community.

If your child is well at the end of the 10 days period of self-isolation (1/6/21), then they can return to usual activities and return to school after half term on Monday 7th June.

Other members of your household can continue normal activities provided your child does not develop symptoms or have a positive PCR test result within the 10 day self-isolation period.

Please see the link to the PHE Staying 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>

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## **What to do if your child develops symptoms of COVID 19**

If your child develops symptoms of COVID-19, they 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 10 days. The 10-day period starts from the day when the first person in the house became ill.

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 to do so, 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 of COVID 19**

The most common symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) are recent onset of:

- new continuous cough and/or
- high temperature and/or
- a loss of, or change in, 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 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 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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