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Dear Parents/Carers,

Following the letters sent yesterday regarding the confirmed case within school, we would like to reassure you that we have and will continue to follow the DfE and Hamwic Trust guidance.

As a school we have implemented the system of controls as outlined in the DfE Guidance for Schools and Public Health England and have ensured that bubbles are not mixing and are keeping a safe distance apart. Only pupils who have been specifically contacted by school need to self-isolate. All other pupils are expected to be in school in the line with the Public Health guidance stated in this letter.

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.

Pupils who are self-isolating

Any pupil who is self-isolating as they are awaiting a test, or isolating due to their household awaiting a test, will have work set by their class teacher during their time out of school. If your child is showing any of the above symptoms then they must remain at home and you must book a test for them. Pupils must remain at home until the test result has been returned. If you choose to get your child tested for any reason, then you must keep your child at home until the result is returned. If your child develops symptoms whilst in school we will contact you and ask you to collect them immediately. Your child will need to remain at home until the test results are received. If the results are negative then they can return to school. If they are positive they need to remain in isolation in line with the latest guidance. **You must inform the school of the outcome of the test result as soon as this is received.**

The full guidance on symptoms, testing and isolation can be found at the following link:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-households-with-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection>



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/> and / or <https://www.publichealthdorset.org.uk/public-health-dorset.aspx>

If you have any questions please contact the office in the first instance.

Yours sincerely,

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