



16th July 2021

FOR PARENTS OF CLOSE CONTACTS OF COVID 19 at Oxhey First School

Advice for Child to Self-Isolate

Dear Parent,

As you know, we had been advised that there had been a confirmed COVID-19 lateral flow result within the school which affects pupils who have attended Tiger Club. This has now been confirmed by a positive PCR test result and therefore the period of isolation remains in place.

We have followed the national guidance and have identified that your child has been in close contact with the affected individual. In line with the national guidance, we recommend that your child now stay at home and self-isolate until the end of the day on 24th July 2021.

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

If you have older siblings in other year groups, they should attend school as normal. You only need to isolate if someone in your household develops symptoms.

Other members of your household can continue normal activities provided your child does not develop symptoms.

OTHER ADVICE:

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>

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 after 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 can, 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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