

HOST BOROUGH

CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S SERVICES

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Dear Parent / Carer,

Today I have been informed that another member of the school staff is isolating at home (in line with national guidance) because they have had a positive COVID test result this week. The cases we have had recently appear unrelated and transmission has not taken place in school but outside school.

As per the national guidelines, we have a robust school risk assessment in place and have taken **prompt** action to mitigate against the risk of further infection, including some of the following measures:

- The Nursery bubble will be working from home until Wednesday 7th October
- The year 1 bubble will be working from home until Monday 5th October
- The year 2 bubble will be working from home until Wednesday 7th October.
- The year 6 bubble will be working from home until Monday 12th October

These dates are set from 14 days from contact with anyone who has had a positive Covid-19 diagnosis.

Although it is worrying to our school community that we have a Covid-19 positive cases, we can reassure you that these cases have not spread into other teaching bubbles. We have been highlighting the importance of maintaining social distancing both inside and outside school. We urge family gatherings outside school to not exceed 6 and there should be strict social distancing at all times. Please be assured that we have acted **quickly** in line with our risk assessment and national guidance to ensure that the risk is minimised to the wider community as much as possible.

We are notifying you of this for information only and there is no risk to your child who can attend school as normal.

We are continuing to monitor the situation and are working closely with Public Health England. Please be reassured that for most people, coronavirus (COVID-19) will be a mild illness.

The school remains open and providing your child remains well they can continue to attend school as normal. We will keep this under review.

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.
- All other household members who remain well must stay at home and not leave the house for 14 days; staying at home will greatly reduce the overall community infection rate
- The 14-day period starts from the day when the first person in the house became ill.
- If you are able, move any vulnerable individuals (such as the elderly and those with underlying health conditions) out of your home, to stay with friends or family.

Symptoms

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

- new continuous cough and/or
- high temperature (greater than 37.8 c) or being hot to the touch
- a loss of, or change in, normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia)

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If your child or anyone in the household does develop symptoms, you can seek advice from NHS 111 at:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms/> or by phoning 111.

Please use one of the walk in clinics to arrange a test if any householder experiences symptoms since the result usually comes within 24 hours:

East Ham Care Centre, Hilda Road London E7 8QP

0300 303 2713

<https://g.co/kgs/MU9KQY>

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 and put in the bin, washing hands afterwards

We are a caring and successful school and continue to provide a safe learning environment and the highest standard of education. The decision to keep the teaching bubbles separate means that we can stop any spread of infection within the school. We are managing the challenges of this pandemic well and our staff and pupils have enjoyed a wonderful first few weeks back to school. On behalf of the school community we wish the member of staff who have tested positive a speedy recovery so that they and the two teaching bubbles can return to school after the self-isolation period ends.

If you have any further questions, please contact the main office or email cpwfh@centralpark.newham.sch.uk

Yours sincerely,



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