

OLD PALACE PRIMARY SCHOOL



St Leonard's Street, Bow, London, E3 3BT ● Tel: 020 8980 3020

Fax: 020 8980 2221 ● Website: www.oldpalaceprimary.co.uk



14th September 2020

Dear Reception & Year 2 Parents/Carers,

We have been advised that two pupils (a child in year 1 and their sibling in year 5) have confirmed cases of COVID-19. The children developed symptoms on Monday 7th September and have not been at school since Friday 4th September.

We are continuing to monitor the situation and are working closely with Public Health England. This letter is to inform you of the current situation and provide advice on how to support your child. Please be reassured that for most people, coronavirus (COVID-19) will be a mild illness.

We are still awaiting advice from the London Covid Response Centre on whether to re-open the year 1 and year 5 bubbles. However, the school remains open for all other year group. Therefore providing your child remains well they can continue to attend school as normal. We will keep this under review, as further advice is received.

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.
- The 14-day period starts from the day when the first person in the house became ill.
- Household members 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 (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

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

- New continuous cough and/or
- High temperature
- 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 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.



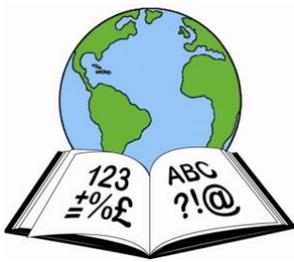
INVESTOR IN PEOPLE



Healthy Schools



Headteacher: Mr G. Palmer BA (Hons)
School Business Manager: Michele Walsham



OLD PALACE PRIMARY SCHOOL



St Leonard's Street, Bow, London, E3 3BT ● Tel: 020 8980 3020

Fax: 020 8980 2221 ● Website: www.oldpalaceprimary.co.uk



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 Further information is available at:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-to-educational-settings-about-covid-19>

We understand that parents will naturally be anxious, but we would like to reassure you that strict infection controls are in place, such as frequent hand washing and an increased cleaning schedule, including the cleaning of touch points throughout the school day. The use of year group bubbles limits the number of children and adults that the children come in contact with; this is supported by the use of staggered playtimes so that different year groups do not share the playground. The only room that is shared by year groups is the dining hall and this is disinfected after each year group leaves.

We apologise for any alarm caused, but we believe it is important to share information with our families, to maintain trust, as we work together to try and restore the children's education at this difficult and unpredictable time. We thank you for your understanding and continued support.

Yours sincerely

Mr G. Palmer
Headteacher



Headteacher: Mr G. Palmer BA (Hons)
School Business Manager: Michele Walsham