

OLD PALACE PRIMARY SCHOOL



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Dear Parents/Carers,

We have been informed that a pupil (a child in year 2) has a confirmed case of COVID-19. The child has not been in school since Monday 5th October.

Public Health England advise that as it has been over 48 hours since they have been in school, this is not classed as 'close contact', therefore the year group bubble should not close.

Providing your child remains well, they should come into school tomorrow. 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. We thank you for your understanding and continued support.

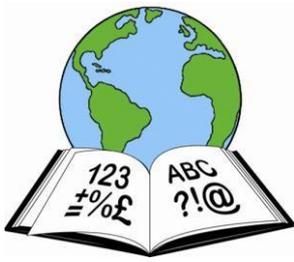
I have included general guidance on COVID-19 below, which you may find helpful.

Yours sincerely,

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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.
- 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.

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.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-to-educational-settings-about-covid-19>



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