



Date: Thursday 24th June

Letter R: For Parents of Students identified as Close Contacts for confirmed case on Thursday, 24th June 2021

Advice for Child to Self-Isolate for 10 Days

Dear Parent/Guardian,

We have been made aware that we have a positive case of coronavirus (COVID-19) within our Year 7 Support Bubble at Oldbury Wells School.

We have followed the national guidance and, following a risk assessment with Public Health England (PHE) advisers, have identified that your child has been in close contact with the individual who has had a positive test result for coronavirus (COVID-19).

In line with the national guidance, your child must stay at home and self-isolate until 23:59hrs on Saturday, 3rd July 2021; they should therefore return to school on Monday, 5th July 2021.

If your child has siblings in another year group bubble and is currently in school, they may continue to attend school under normal arrangements.

Due to the timing of this communication, for tomorrow your child should focus on any outstanding homework tasks or access work on the Oak National Academy:

<https://www.thenational.academy/>

From Monday, 28th June, your child will be set work through distance learning and is expected to access this via Satchel One; lessons will be delivered in line with their normal school timetable and where possible will be supported by a live input via Microsoft TEAMS. You will receive a further letter shortly from Mr Wycherley outlining the details regarding this.

If your child is well at the end of the 10 day period of self-isolation then they can return to their usual activities and attend school as normal.

Other members of your household can continue normal activities, provided your child does not develop symptoms within the 10 day self-isolation period.

For more information, please see the guidance for contacts of people with confirmed coronavirus (COVID-19) infection who do not live with the person:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-for-contacts-of-people-with-possible-or-confirmed-coronavirus-covid-19-infection-who-do-not-live-with-the-person>

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What to do if your child develops symptoms of coronavirus (COVID 19)

Having been identified as a close contact, if your child then develops symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19), they should remain at home for at least 10 days from the date when their symptoms appeared. Symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) are a new, continuous cough, or a high temperature, or a loss of, or change in, their normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia). Anyone with symptoms will be eligible for a PCR test - this is the type of test that is normally available and can be arranged via <https://www.nhs.uk/ask-for-a-coronavirus-test> or by calling 119.

People who do not have symptoms or have not tested positive using a Lateral Flow Device should not request a PCR test unless this has been specifically requested by Public Health England or the local authority.

All other household members who remain well must stay at home and not leave the house for 10 days. This includes anyone in your 'Support Bubble'.

The household isolation period includes the day the first person in your household's symptoms started (or the day their test was taken if they did not have symptoms) and the next 10 full days. This means that if, for example, your 10 day isolation period starts on the 15th of the month, your isolation period ends at 23:59 hrs on the 25th and you can return to your normal routine..

Household members should not go to work, school or public areas, and exercise should be taken within the home. If you require help with buying groceries, other shopping or picking up medication, or walking a dog, you should ask friends or family. Alternatively, you can order your shopping online and medication by phone or online.

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, 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. If that is not possible, anyone with symptoms should try and stay as far away as possible from vulnerable members of your household.

For more information, please read PHE's 'Stay 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>

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.

How to stop coronavirus (COVID-19) spreading

There are things you can do to help reduce the risk of you and anyone you live with getting ill with coronavirus (COVID-19):

- 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/>

We have set up an e-mail for families to use should there be any key questions or confirmed cases of children who attend the school (covid.support@oldburywells.com). Please leave your contact details and the name of your child within any communication. There is also further information available on the school website (<http://www.oldburywells.com/parent-information/covid-update>)

As you will be aware, as a school we have strictly followed the guidance provided by government and have robust control measures in school to ensure a safe environment in school in line with all requirements. We would ask all families to follow national guidance to ensure that we all play our part in keeping our community safe.

As always, thank you for your support. We will forward updates as we receive any further information, ensuring that your child is fully supported throughout the period of self-isolation and following their return to school.

Yours sincerely

Lee Tristham
Headteacher