



St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

HEADTEACHER: Mrs M Hollis

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Thursday 1st July 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

Today, I was informed that a child in Yr6 had tested positive for Covid-19. As a result of this positive case we have temporarily closed our Yr6 bubble. This measure was made in collaboration with Wirral School Covid-19 Support team. Year 6 have been informed of the details surrounding this particular case and will continue to be kept updated. I am confident that we have tracked all close contacts within school and informed them to self-isolate in line with government guidance.

I understand that this information may cause anxiety levels to rise; please be assured that we have a robust risk assessment in place to keep our school family safe.

Siblings of Yr6 children do not have to self-isolate as they haven't been in close contact with the positive case.

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 as advised in <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance>

You should arrange for testing for your child via <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-getting-tested> or 111.nhs.uk or primary care

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 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 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



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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

- 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 are here to support you, if you have any questions please contact the school office. schooloffice@stjosephs-wallasey.wirral.sch.uk

Thank you for your ongoing support and cooperation.

Kind regards,

Mrs Hollis
Headteacher