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Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2020

### **Advice to Self-Isolate Your Child up to and Including Monday 26<sup>th</sup> October**

Dear parent / carer,

We have been advised that there has been a confirmed case of COVID-19 within the school in Year 5. The confirmed case has not attended school since Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> October but having coordinated with Public Health, we have taken the decision to exercise caution and close the bubble for the rest of the week. In following government guidance, the advice would be that your child now stays at home and self-isolates up to and including the 26<sup>th</sup> October (14 days after last potential contact on the 13<sup>th</sup> October).

Further details of what your child needs to do are in NHS Guidance:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/testing-for-coronavirus/nhs-test-and-trace-if-youve-been-in-contact-with-a-person-who-has-coronavirus/>

**We feel it is important to say that our investigation suggests that is unlikely that your child has come into contact with the identified case but we do feel a cautious approach would be wise under the circumstances.**

If you need support with isolation, please contact your local Council. It has been confirmed to us that should you need to bring your child with you to drop off a sibling at school, then this is acceptable although please keep your distance from everyone.

Other members of your household can continue normal activities provided your child does not develop symptoms within the self-isolation period. There is no need to get your child tested at this point unless they start to develop symptoms.

If your child is well, then they can return to school after half term on **Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November**.

### **What to do if your child develops symptoms of COVID 19**

For most people, especially children, COVID-19 will be a mild illness.

The most common symptoms of 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)





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If your child develops any of these symptoms of COVID-19, they should remain at home and arrangements should be made for them to be tested. At that time all other household members must also stay at home, not go to work, school or public areas, even for exercise.

Testing can be arranged by calling 119 or via the NHS website: [nhs.uk/coronavirus](https://nhs.uk/coronavirus)

When the result of the child's test is known further advice will be available.

### 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 [nhs.uk/coronavirus](https://nhs.uk/coronavirus)

### Teaching and Learning

We will continue to teach your child during this period of isolation via on-line learning. All work set and links to resources will be posted on Seesaw. Your child should complete the work and upload it all back to Seesaw for marking and feedback. Any queries over this work can be directed to the teaching staff through Seesaw as well.

If you are unable to access Seesaw as you have mislaid the access code, then please contact the main school office who will be able to get a copy to you. If you are unable to access Seesaw as you have no internet or no device, again please contact the school office and we will endeavour to assist through a loan device or through work packs delivered.

**We look forward to your child returning to school after half term on the 2<sup>nd</sup> November.**

Yours sincerely,  
Richardson Dees Primary School

