



# Priory School (Foundation)

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Dear parent or carer,

## Advice for Child to Self-Isolate for 14 Days

We have been made aware of a confirmed positive case of coronavirus (COVID-19) with a pupil at Priory School.

We have followed the national guidance, and have identified that your child has been in close contact with the affected child. **This means that your child should stay at home and self-isolate until Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> November 2020.**

If your child is well at the end of the period of self-isolation, they then can return to usual activities on **Monday, 29<sup>th</sup> November 2020.**

Other members of your household can continue normal activities provided your child does not develop symptoms within the 14 day self-isolation period.

Please see the link to: 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>

## Remote Learning

You will be sent a link for daily teams meetings which will start on Monday, 16<sup>th</sup> November 2020 at **10:15 am**. If you do not receive this link please email [office@prioryschool.com](mailto:office@prioryschool.com).

We also have a pack of learning materials for you to collect on behalf of your child. We aim to have these packs ready from 10:30am for collection.

## Free School Meals

If you are entitled to free school meals, we will be arranging for a packed lunch to be available to you each day and will confirm timings for collection later this afternoon. We will shortly be sending out an online form for parents to complete with further information.

Please be aware that we might not be ready to deliver packed lunches for Year 5 immediately because we have not been able to give the kitchen team notice of the year 5 closure. It may take tomorrow to organize delivery of the additional food items. However, we will do our best to be ready for tomorrow but will keep you informed.



## **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. Anyone with symptoms will be eligible for testing and this can be arranged via <https://www.nhs.uk/ask-for-a-coronavirus-test> or by calling 119 .

People who do not have symptoms should not request a 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 14 days. This includes anyone in your 'Support Bubble'.

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. 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 14 days will greatly reduce the overall amount of infection the household could pass on to others in the community

If you are able can, 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

Please see the link to the PHE '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>

## **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 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 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.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "HGates". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping flourish under the "s".

Hannah Gates  
Headteacher