

Dear Parents/Carers of EYFS (Reception, Nursery and Star Fish)

We have been advised by Public Health England that there has been a confirmed case of COVID-19 within the Early Years Bubble (Reception, Nursery and Two Year Olds).

We have followed the national guidance and have identified that your child's class bubble may have been in the proximity of the affected person. We are asking all pupils to self-isolate. We will be in contact with Pupils who were either off school or returning from self-isolation during the contactable period. We will contact these individuals directly on Monday when we return to school.

Public Health England advise that close/direct contact is considered to be:

- being coughed on, or
- having a face-to-face conversation within 1 metre, or
- having unprotected skin-to-skin physical contact, or
- travel in a small vehicle with the case, or
- any contact within 1 metre for 1 minute or longer without face-to-face contact
- extended close contact (between 1 and 2 metres for more than 15 minutes) with a case

However, Governors and I have made the decision to follow the national guidance as we must take every step to ensure the safety of the children, staff and the school community. Therefore, as a precautionary measure, the children in EYFS must self-isolate for 14 days. They must follow the guidance and STAY AT HOME.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-households-with-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection>

The rest of your household does not have to self-isolate and other family members can attend school as usual.

It is not recommended that you access a test unless your child begins to show symptoms, as even if the test comes back negative your child will still have to self-isolate for 14 days.

If you do develop symptoms of COVID-19, you 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>

If you or your child do access a test during this time please inform school of the results.

The isolation period will end on Thursday 22nd October and children can return on this date.

Staff will set work for the children during the isolation and they will be in touch to explain how the work can be accessed. If your child has difficulty in accessing the work please contact the school and we will make any necessary arrangements.

Please be assured that we are doing everything we can to minimise the risk to your children and I thank you for all your support in following the new arrangements.

I would be grateful if parents/carers would refrain from using social media to discuss this matter as rumour and speculation can cause unnecessary upset and panic.

Please read the attached information and if you have any questions, contact the school and I will be happy to speak to you. School out of hours contact 07724547142.

Thank you again for your continued support in such challenging times.

Miss V Roberts  
Head teacher

