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## CONFIRMED CASE OF COVID-19

### HOUSEHOLD MEMBER ONLY

Dear All Parents/Carers,

I am writing to reassure you as we have taken a number of enquiries regarding confirmed cases of COVID19 in our community. This morning we have been informed that a family member of one of our pupils has tested positive. This family member has not had any contact in school, is not unwell and we will not be taking any further action at this time but remaining extra vigilant. We are also hearing of further bubbles within our local schools closing. This is not what we want to happen at Eastway and will take every precaution possible to prevent this.

We are following advice from Wirral LA based upon updated Cheshire & Merseyside Public Health England information.

As you are aware the Prime Minister made an announcement yesterday reinforcing the risk of the virus, the rapid spread of cases and action that we must now take. On Wirral the risk is greater and we are now in local lockdown and under further restrictions.

This letter is to let you know, your child has not had any contact with any confirmed cases within school, so at this stage the information is purely precautionary and to keep you updated. **Your child should continue to attend school as normal.** However, we all now have a greater responsibility to ensure that we are working together to protect our community from the threat of this virus.

I am pleading with you all to take this seriously, support us in helping to containing the virus and all play your part. We are all in this together and must do all we can -

- Bubbles remain separate in school and SHOULD NOT be mixing outside of school
- Masks MUST be worn at the school gate for drop off and pick up
- Please keep a 2 metre distance from staff and other adults at all times and do not approach the gates. Stand back and let staff send your children to you
- No visitors in to school, including parents/carers
- The Social Supermarket is now closed
- If your child presents with symptoms they MUST NOT attend school and be tested
- If a member of your household is being tested, the whole family MUST self-isolate, children must not attend school
- NOTHING should be brought into school from home (lunch boxes, water bottles, bags or homework). Packed lunches are to be brought to school in disposable bags.
- Nothing will be sent home from school, unless it has been quarantined for 72 hours, such as Home Learning Packs and Flu letters.
- Please adhere to the local lockdown restrictions outside of school

If you would like to speak to a member of the school staff for further information, please email the school office and we will arrange for a call back.

We understand that the rise in cases and proximity will obviously cause some anxiety, but please try not to panic; statistically children are unlikely to develop severe symptoms and more often than not they will not develop any symptoms or contract COVID19 from being in contact with a confirmed case in school as our protective measures are so rigorous. The reason why we have kept our bubbles completely separate in school was to contain any cases and avoid children missing school unnecessarily. We hope that this reassures you.

I thank those of you who have continuously supported the school at this time. Your polite, calm and sensible approach is kindly appreciated. Please ensure that you remain respectful of myself and my team who are currently working tirelessly to ensure the safety of your children and our community. Abuse, aggression and confrontational behaviour will not be tolerated.

Take care and keep safe,

Mrs Morris  
Headteacher

### **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 of COVID-19 (a high temperature, new continuous cough, a loss of normal taste or smell:*

- *Your child should stay at home for at least 10 days from the date when symptoms appeared as advised in <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance>*
- *You should arrange for testing via <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-getting-tested>*
- *All other household members who remain well must stay at home and not leave the house for 14 days. 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.*
- *Seek prompt medical attention if your child's illness is worsening. If it's not an emergency, contact NHS 111 online. If you have no internet access, you should call NHS 111. If it is an emergency and you need to call an ambulance, dial 999*

### **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/>



### Local Lockdown Advice from Wirral Council

Further local restrictions were introduced in Wirral and the rest of Merseyside from Tuesday 22 September in an effort to reduce the rate of COVID-19 infection in the borough.

These measures are:

- Do not meet with other people outside of your own household or support bubble in private homes or gardens
- Late night restrictions of operating hours to be introduced, with leisure and entertainment venues required to close between 10pm and 5am
- Hospitality venues serving food and drink will be restricted to table service only
- Please also follow the below guidance to help slow the spread of COVID-19:
- Only use public transport for essential purposes (such as travelling to school or work)
- Avoid attending amateur and semi-professional sporting events as spectators

Play your part and help us avoid even further restrictions coming in for the area.

If you have previously been advised to shield, please take special care during this time and be extra cautious. Whilst the government has not re-introduced the shielding programme in Wirral at this time, we would advise to steer clear of busy places and avoiding going to venues that are not COVID-19 secure.

It is important that residents take note of the above and continue with the basics - keep washing your hands regularly, keep a distance from others outside your household or support bubble, and wear a face covering when necessary.

We understand residents will have many questions about what you can and can't do. The information provided so far has come from the Government - we are still waiting for them to give us the full details for these measures. Please bear with us, we will try to answer your questions as soon as we can.

The guidance will be added to the Government site here: <https://www.gov.uk/.../local-restrictions-areas-with-an...>