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Dear Parents / Carers

After receiving a confirmed positive case of coronavirus within the school late last night, the decision was made to put the safety of the school community first and ask that the children remain at home to access learning remotely. In doing this, school can be deep cleaned and ready for opening after the half term break. Please read this letter carefully as it contains information from Public Health England and then goes on to outline the remote learning arrangements for the rest of this week.

We know that you may find this concerning but we are continuing to monitor the situation and are working closely with Public Health England. This letter is to inform you of the current situation and provide advice on how to support your child. Please be reassured that for most people, coronavirus (COVID-19) will be a mild illness.

The small number of people who have been in close contact with the individual who has tested positive for coronavirus (COVID-19) have received a letter informing them that they must stay at home for 14 days from the date of contact.

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.

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'.

Further information is available at: <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 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, 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.

Symptoms

The most common symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) are recent onset of:

- a new continuous cough
- a high temperature
- a loss of, or change in, your 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
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Further Information

Further information is available at <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

Class email addresses – remote learning

A new class email address has been set up in order for teachers to email work out directly to children and keep in touch with them to support their learning. Work will be sent each day via this email and children / parents need to send work back through it as well – this may be a document to attach or a photo to send so that the teachers can see the work and give feedback.

Every child must send back work the teacher requests each day.

Please be assured that any queries or questions you have regarding the work for your child / children will be answered through class emails by the teachers, so please keep in touch with us as we will with you.

Teachers will be available to reply and send emails between 8.45am – 3.15pm Wednesday – Friday this week. The email won't be accessed by staff during half term.

The class emails are as follows:

FS@dishforth.n-yorks.sch.uk

Class1@dishforth.n-yorks.sch.uk

Class2@dishforth.n-yorks.sch.uk

Class3@dishforth.n-yorks.sch.uk

Parents Evening

Parents Evening appointments will continue to take place this week by telephone.

Thank you for your continued support and understanding at this very challenging time. If you have any further questions or queries then please don't hesitate to contact me at: admin@dishforth.n-yorks.sch.uk

We look forward to seeing you all on Tuesday 3rd November.

Kind regards

J M Lyon
Head Teacher