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Thursday 15th July 2021

Letter to All Parent/Carers

Dear Parent/Carers

Today a further member of staff and a pupil have tested positive to Covid through PCR. Both were isolating as identified as close contacts of members of the school who have tested positive. Both have been self-isolating already.

Please see below an amended letter as the initial letter sent out had incorrect isolation days stated. The correct isolation period is 10 days and not 14 as stated in the original letter. Please do contact us via the parents@brackenfield.derbyshire.sch.uk if you have any queries or concerns.

Yours Sincerely

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Dear Parent/Carer,

Regrettably due to a high level of staff absence due to isolating, particularly within the Senior Leadership Team and Middle Leaders, Brackenfield SEND school will be **closed to all pupils on Monday 19th July 2021**. Those pupils who are due to return back to school on Tuesday 20th and Wednesday 21st July 2021 are still able to return as planned unless they have developed symptoms. Acorns, Sycamore, Elm and Hazel will remain closed until the end of term.

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.

What to do if your child develops symptoms of COVID 19

If your child develops symptoms of COVID-19, they must not come to school and 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>. All other household members who remain well, must stay at home and not leave the house for 10 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 10-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 10 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)

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If your child or anyone in the household does develop symptoms, you can seek advice from NHS 111 at <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/check-if-you-have-coronavirus-symptoms/> 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/>

I understand that this must be an incredibly worrying time for you and your family and school staff are here to speak to if you have any queries. Thank-you for continuing to follow the guidance from social and Public Health England.

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