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Dear Parents and Guardians,

With the introduction of the new national restrictions in force from the 5th of November we felt it was important to write to you. The school remains **open for all classes**, and your child should continue to attend as normal if they remain well.

We will be putting in extra safety measures, which we will explain in the next couple of days to ensure that your child's health remains a top priority. We are following advice from regulatory and statutory bodies.

- We will be transparent. If we have a pupil (or member of staff) tested, staff and parents will be told. This transparency will continue in the event of the 'all clear' being given on a positive diagnosis.
- We will not be closing to pupils unless explicitly instructed to do so or following a positive test result from someone within our school community.

We therefore ask parents to be extra vigilant and inform the school office as soon as possible if anyone in your household or support bubble shows symptoms or has a confirmed case. We will be checking our email admin@stokesayprimary.co.uk more regularly so please email if you have any key questions or to inform us of confirmed cases of children who attend the school. Please leave your contact details and the name of your child within any communication.

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/askfor-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-coronavirussymptoms/>.

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/>

As you will be aware, as a school we will strictly follow the guidance provided by government and have robust control measures in school to ensure as safe an environment in school as possible. We would ask all families to follow national guidance to ensure that we all play our part in keeping our community safe.

Please can we remind you to maintain social distancing when on the school site and the beginning and end of the school day. We would also advise that adults wear masks when dropping children off and collecting from school.

As always, thank you for your support. We will forward any further updates as we receive any further information, ensuring that all children are fully supported in school.

Yours sincerely

Paul O'Malley

Executive Headteacher