

St Matthew's Primary School  
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Dear Parents and carers

I have been informed this morning of a confirmed case of COVID-19 within the school. I have been working with Public Health England to ensure that all arrangements and precautions are in place.

Public Health have reaffirmed that we have very strict measures and procedures in place which will help to reduce the risk of transmission and we will continue to follow all advice meticulously.

All the children and staff members who need to self-isolate have been contacted and given advice. Your child **does not need to self-isolate**.

I would ask that you please respect the privacy of any individuals now or in the future who require tests.

### **What to do if your child develops symptoms of COVID 19**

If your child develops symptoms of COVID-19, you should keep them at home and arrange a test. 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)

The confirmed case did not have a temperature or a cough. The only symptom present was the loss of smell.

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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.

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 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 to, 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

**For most people, coronavirus (COVID-19) will be a mild illness.**

If your child 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
- Keep two metres apart from people who are not in your household
- Wear a face covering (people aged over 11 years) in public places

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## Further Information

Further information is available at

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Yours sincerely

*Victoria Rayner*

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