

ABBOT'S LEA SCHOOL

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FOR PARENTS/CARERS OF DIRECT CLOSE CONTACTS OF COVID-19 at ALS

Dear Families

Ref: Advice for your child to self-isolate for 10 days – SPAIN CLASS

Dear Family

We have been advised by Public Health England that there has been a confirmed case of COVID-19 within the school affecting a staff member in your child's class.

We have followed the national guidance and have identified that your child has been in close contact with the affected adult. In line with the national guidance, we ask that **your child now stays at home and self-isolates until and including Monday, 3 May 2021.**

We are asking you to do this to reduce the further spread of COVID-19 to others in the community. If your child is well at the end of the 10-day period of self-isolation, then they can return to usual activities. A negative test does not mean that your child can return to school earlier than 10 days.

Other members of your household can continue normal activities provided your child does not develop symptoms within the 10-day self-isolation period.

Teaching and learning will be delivered remotely to Spain class with details to follow on Monday morning.

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 as advised in:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance>

You should arrange for testing for your child via <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-getting-tested> or 111.nhs.uk or primary care.

You must inform us of the symptoms and the test results by emailing: covid@abbotsleaschool.co.uk

All other household members who remain well must stay at home and not leave the house for 10 days. 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.

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 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.

Symptoms of COVID-19

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

- new continuous/persistent 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, 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 119.

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/>

Yours faithfully



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