



St. Paulinus Catholic Primary School

Inspiring all to live, learn and love in the light of Jesus.

(cf John 8:12)



Tuesday 27th October 2020

A confirmed positive case in the Year 1W bubble – Year 1W bubble closed until Monday 9th November 2020.

Dear parent / guardian,

It is with heavy heart I have to report that, today, we have been made aware of a member of our school community in our year 1W bubble who has tested positive for COVID 19. As mentioned in my previous HSE communication, we knew this day would come but we do have lots of things in place to stop the virus spreading further, one of which is sending out this letter to let you all know. Please be aware that I was alerted to an email this afternoon informing me that we have a positive COVID -19 case in our Year 1W bubble, I then worked closely with PHE, the DfE and Kirklees to put the right plan of action into place. Please see the letter below from Public Health that goes through the steps we have to put in place as a school and what you need to do at home.

Summary of actions:

- All of the Year 1W bubble need to self-isolate for 14 days (until midnight on Saturday 7th November). This means staying at home until then.
- Household members do not need to self-isolate and siblings can attend school as normal – as long as your child does not display any symptoms.
- Year 1W areas will get a deep clean during the holidays.
- Your child does not need to get a test unless they start to show symptoms then they should follow normal procedures and get a test.
- Finally, see below for support that school will be providing with nurture and home learning.

As I mentioned in a previous communication to you all; we can't stop the virus from coming to school but we can all play our part in stopping the virus from spreading. It is a very tense time for both myself, the staff and yourselves as parents and I am always mindful of the great toll this must be taking on some of our children's mental health. As such, Mrs Davies and the nurture team will be available for any families who need her w/c 2nd November – if you would like to contact her to request a phone call please email nurture@stpaulinus.org or call the school office when we return. You can also go on to the school website in the home learning section, where there are lots of great

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resources to support mental health and some signposts to organisations that can help you and your child during this holiday. I want you to know that I fully sympathise with how you must be feeling and that I remain hopeful that one day soon we will not have to be in this position any longer and we will be able to get back to normal without all this uncertainty hanging over our heads. I am also aware that it has come at a terrible time, being the holidays, but would urge you to follow the advice given in order to keep each other as safe as possible during this pandemic. For those of you concerned about missed learning time – please note that home learning will be provided for year 1W w/c 2nd November and further details will be given shortly. Please note that we will be making use of google classroom to facilitate home learning alongside purple mash and TT rockstars.

I thank you for your continued support of the school and wish you and your children a safe and happy holiday,

Miss Hayes
(Headteacher)

Letter for direct and proximity contacts from PHE.

Date: 27.10.2020

FOR PARENTS OF CLOSE CONTACTS OF COVID 19 at St Paulinus Catholic Primary School

Advice for Child to Self-Isolate for 14 Days

Dear parent or carer,

We have been made aware that we have a confirmed positive case of coronavirus (COVID-19) in the Year 1W bubble at St Paulinus.

The School have contacted the LA, Public Health England and the DfE helpline and have followed the national guidance. Unfortunately, your child has been identified as a possible close contact of the confirmed case. In line with the national guidance your child must stay at home and self-isolate until midnight on Saturday 7th November as a precaution to slow the spread of the virus.

If your child is well at the end of the 14 days period of self-isolation, then they can return to usual activities.

Other members of your household can continue normal activities provided your child does not develop symptoms within the 14 day self-isolation period.

Please see the link to: Guidance for contacts of people with confirmed coronavirus (COVID-19) infection who do not live with the person

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-for-contacts-of-people-with-possible-or-confirmed-coronavirus-covid-19-infection-who-do-not-live-with-the-person>

What to do if your child develops symptoms of COVID 19 in the 14 days –

Symptoms of COVID 19

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)

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.

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 .

People who do not have symptoms should not request a test unless this has been specifically requested by Public Health England or the local authority.

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'.

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 can, 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

Please see the link to the PHE 'Stay at Home' Guidance:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-households-with-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection>

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/>