



# St. Paulinus Catholic Primary School

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Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2021

## **Year 6C bubble - Close contact of a confirmed positive case –**

### **Class Bubble closed until Tuesday 8th June**

Dear parent/carer/ guardian,

It is with heavy heart I have to report that we have been made aware of a member of our school community who has tested positive for COVID 19 and your child has been identified as being in close contact with this case. As mentioned in my previous HSE communications 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 about a positive case. Upon receiving the notification that we have a positive case, School contacted the DfE, Kirklees and PHE as per our protocol, who outlined the right plan for us to put in 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.

In this particular case, the person had no symptoms and their case has been picked up when the whole family took a PCR test as part of wider testing. My thanks go out to the family and all other families for taking part in mass testing in order to identify any asymptomatic cases - this is another layer to how we can protect ourselves from the virus and stop the virus from coming into school

#### **Summary of actions:**

- Your child needs to self-isolate for 10 days after their last point of contact with the positive case (in this case this is until midnight on Monday 7th June). This means your child must stay at home until then and your child can come out of isolation and return to school on Tuesday 8th June 2021.
- Household members do not need to self-isolate as long as your child does not display any symptoms.
- Your child does not need to get a test unless they start to show symptoms or feel unwell 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 and to our children 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 upon our return to school – if you would like to contact her to request a phone call please email [nurture@stpaulinus.org](mailto:nurture@stpaulinus.org) or call the school office. You can also go on to the school website: in the Nurture, home learning section there are lots of great resources to support mental health and some signposts to organisations that can help you and your child while you are isolating at home. 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 would urge you to follow the advice given in order to keep each other as safe as possible during this pandemic.



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Home learning will be available on Google classroom on Monday 7th June and there will be a daily registration meet at 9am for the children to attend.

I thank you for your continued support of the school and wish you and your child(ren) a safe and happy 10 days.

Miss Hayes  
(Headteacher)

## **Letter for direct and proximity contacts from PHE.**

Date: Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2021.

Year 6C bubble

FOR PARENTS OF CLOSE CONTACTS OF COVID 19 at St Paulinus Catholic Primary School Advice for Child to Self-Isolate for 10 Days

Dear parent or carer,

We have been made aware that we have a confirmed positive case of coronavirus (COVID-19) at St Paulinus in the current year 6C bubble.

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 Monday 7th June as a precaution to slow the spread of the virus.

If your child is well at the end of the 10 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 10 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 10 days –**

### **Symptoms of COVID 19**

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



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- 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-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.

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-acoronavirus-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 10 days. This includes anyone in your 'Support Bubble'.

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 to, try 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.

Please see the link to the PHE 'Stay at Home' Guidance: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stayat-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



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- 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
- wear a face covering in public places and inside buildings
- keep 2m distance

## Further Information

Further information is available at <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>