



Our Reference: KH/GHR

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Dear Parents/Carers

COVID-19 UPDATE

We have been made aware of several members of our school staff community who have tested positive for COVID-19, having developed symptoms during half term. These staff are now isolating and are not in school.

We know that you may find this concerning, however, we are working closely with Public Health England and the Department for Education and are pleased to report that due to the robust risk assessment and control measures in place the school can remain open for all students.

I would like to take this opportunity to remind you of the official Government guidance in relation to COVID-19 to ensure that you and your families stay as safe as possible at all times.

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.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test>.

Please inform the school of any child who is off school due to a positive test or having to self-isolate by contacting us on PastoralSupport@brookfield.derbyshire.sch.uk.

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 or anyone in the household does develop symptoms, you can seek advice from NHS 111 at <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/> 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/>.

Thank you once again for your support at this time. I can assure you that the priority at the forefront of our work will continue to be your child's safety and well-being, along with that of our staff.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'K Hirst', written in a cursive style.

Mr K Hirst
Headteacher