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Dear Parents/Guardians,

We are resending the information and advice about confirmed coronavirus cases we provided in October, with updated guidance regarding reduced isolation periods.

The number of children self-isolating this week with coronavirus has increased to 8 (currently in year 4 and 6). We are taking all the advised precautions. If, like in year 5 in October, we have an increase of cases in one class and this can be attributed to a potential outbreak based on certain given criteria, then we will seek advice from Public Health England and implement any suggested additional measures.

If your child is unwell, please make sure you get arrange for them to be testes and keep us informed.

Kind regards,

Mr Harrison and Mrs Davies

Dear Parents/Guardians,

We are writing to inform you we have had some confirmed cases of coronavirus (COVID-19) this week. This letter is to make clear our responsibilities with regard to manging the virus within the school community.

Please be reassured that for most people, COVID-19 will be a mild illness however we would like to remind you of the importance of all pupils and staff, regardless of age, and their families remaining vigilant regarding COVID-19, and indeed other infections, to protect their own health as well as the health of others around them.

We will not be routinely informing of individual cases as they occur, as this is no longer an expectation. This is because, in line with Government guidelines, we will not be restricting the attendance of close contacts who are under 18.

Children will only need to self-isolate if they have tested positive for COVID-19. If your child is identified as a close contact of the confirmed case, you may be contacted by NHS Test and Trace who will advise you on what to do next. Close contacts in schools are now identified by NHS Test and Trace and education settings are no longer undertaking contact tracing.

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Responsible members of our community



We are continuing to monitor the situation and will work closely with Public Health England if the number of cases escalates to meet the thresholds for considering further steps. If this occurs, then further measures could be introduced but at this stage this is not deemed necessary. The setting remains open, and your child should continue to attend as normal if they remain well.

### **What to do if your child develops symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) or tests positive for COVID-19**

If your child develops [symptoms of coronavirus \(COVID-19\)](#), they should get a test and remain at home at least until the result is known. If negative, the child can end self-isolation. If positive, the following guidance should be followed:

From Monday 17 January, people who are self-isolating with COVID-19 will have the option to reduce their isolation period after 5 full days if they test negative with a lateral flow device (LFD) test on both day 5 and day 6 and they do not have a temperature. For example, if they test negative on the morning of day 5 and the morning of day 6, they can return to their education or childcare setting immediately on day 6.

The first test must be taken no earlier than day 5 of the self-isolation period, and the second must be taken the following day. All test results should be reported to NHS Test and Trace.

If the result of either of their tests is positive, they should continue to self-isolate until they get negative results from two LFD tests on consecutive days or until they have completed 10 full days of self-isolation, whichever is earliest.

Anyone who is unable to take LFD tests or anyone who continues to have a temperature will need to complete the full 10-day period of self-isolation.

### **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. In an emergency dial 999.

If your child is self-isolating then you child's class teacher will be in touch at the earliest opportunity to discuss home learning provision.

Kind regards,  
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