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## COVID-19 UPDATE FOR PARENTS/CARERS

Dear Parents/Carers,

We have been advised by Public Health England that there have been confirmed cases of COVID-19 within the academy.

We have followed the national guidance and have identified that the affected individuals were within the Year 4 Wombats (4W) class bubble.

Pupils and staff who have been directly impacted have been notified of the specific actions that they need to take. It is important to note that if the academy has not made direct contact with you there is no further action for you that is necessary in relation to this case, and your child is expected to attend the academy as normal.

The academy continues to operate in line with its published risk assessment that is available on the academy website using the following link:

<https://horburyprimary.accordmat.org/covid-19-update/>

I am not able to provide any further details and ask all parents/ carers to respect the confidential and sensitive nature of the situation and thank you for your continued support in this respect.

### 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. 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.

All other household members who remain well or otherwise 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 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, 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 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 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/>

Yours sincerely,



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Executive Principal