



Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2021

Dear Parents and carers of Year 4,

**Year 4 – Information for week commencing 8<sup>th</sup> March 2021**

We are writing to let you know that we have a staff member who needs to isolate with their household due to a member of their family testing positive for COVID-19. (The staff member themselves is negative for COVID-19).

**Normally, it is standard practice to close the class bubble for the period of isolation; however, as March 8<sup>th</sup> is such a pivotal date for children and families to return to school, we are reluctant to draw a halt to their first steps back into school, as they get used to routines and seeing their peers.**

**As a result, we have taken a one-off decision to provide additional teaching staff cover in Year 4 to ensure that the bubble can remain open. Lessons will be delivered by Miss Marfell via Microsoft Teams into the classroom, whilst the children will be supported with their learning and safeguarded by Miss Lucas and Miss Malkin.**

We understand that this will be an anxious time for you, but we are working closely with Public Health England, the DfE and the Trust in order to ensure that all guidelines are followed. Please be reassured that for most people, coronavirus (COVID-19) will be a mild illness.

**What to do if you or your child have symptoms**

As before, if you or your child have any of the main symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19), get a test as soon as possible. Stay at home until you get the result.

**Main symptoms**

The main symptoms of coronavirus are:

- a high temperature – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)
- a new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

Most people with coronavirus have at least 1 of these symptoms.

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### **What to do if you have symptoms**

If you have any of the main symptoms of coronavirus:

- Get a test to check if you have coronavirus as soon as possible.
- You and anyone you live with should stay at home and not have visitors until you get your test result – only leave your home to have a test.
- Anyone in your support bubble should also stay at home if you have been in close contact with them since your symptoms started or during the 48 hours before they started.

Finally, we hope that this information reassures you that we are doing everything possible to safeguard our children, families, and to ensure that the return to school is as positive as possible. These continue to be challenging times for all of us, but together we will overcome the obstacles that the pandemic creates.

Thank you for your support and patience.

Yours sincerely,

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