

Dear Parent or Carer,

Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> September 2020

### **Suspected case of COVID-19 in our School**

We have a suspected case in the Year 3 bubble. Unfortunately, testing capacity nationally means that tests aren't available for a number of days. The school is working closely with Salford's Public Health Team to reduce the risk of infection for your children and our staff.

Therefore to protect children, staff and their families, the Year 3 bubble has been closed. In line with the national guidance we recommend that your child now stays at home and self-isolates until testing has been completed and the results have been returned. If the test is negative, the bubble can re-open and your child will be able to return to school, provided they are well and there are no further cases. However, if the test is positive, the bubble will remain closed and your child will need to isolate until Monday, 5<sup>th</sup> October (14 days after contact).

We are asking you to do this to reduce the further spread of COVID 19 to others in the community.

If your child is well at the end of the 14 days period of self-isolation, then they can return to usual activities. If they become unwell with symptoms please arrange a test (see below). However, a negative test does not mean that your child can return to school earlier than 14 days.

Other members of your household can continue normal activities provided your child does not develop symptoms within the 14 day self-isolation period. This is because they are NOT contacts of the positive case. They are **contacts of contacts** of a case. Contacts of contacts do not need to self-isolate unless someone in their household develops symptoms or they come into contact with another case.

Please see the link to the PHE Staying at Home Guidance

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-households-with-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection>

If you think that someone else in your household has come in contact with a confirmed case or you need help or advice about self-isolation, please call the Spirit of Salford helpline on **0800 952 1000**. Also, if you need public health advice on testing, that is the number to call.

### Public Health Advice on symptoms

As your child is identified as a contact of a case, please try not to worry. For most people COVID-19 is a mild illness.

If anyone in your household becomes unwell with one of the symptoms of Coronavirus (COVID-19) to book a test by ringing **0800 952 1000 or 119** or go to:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/testing-and-tracing/get-a-test-to-check-if-you-have-coronavirus/>



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**Symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) are recent onset of any of the following:**

- **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

**Any one of the above symptoms gives reason for high level of suspicion for COVID-19.**

Information about COVID-19 symptoms and management of the virus can be found here, [www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/](http://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/)

### 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:

- 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
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### Further Information

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

Although COVID-19 is circulating in the community, usual childhood illnesses are too; and it is important that these are not missed. Please contact your GP or NHS111 if you are worried; or call 999 if seriously unwell.

If you have any questions or concerns please refer to the government website, or you can contact school by calling, 0161 789 4400, or emailing: [lewisstreet.primaryschool@salford.gov.uk](mailto:lewisstreet.primaryschool@salford.gov.uk)

Best wishes,



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