

23rd November 2020

Dear Nursery parents and carers,

Confirmed case of coronavirus

I am writing to inform you that there has been a positive case of Covid-19 in the Nursery. As a precaution, and following the medical advice from Public Health England and the Department for Education (DFE), we are asking your child and the other members of the Nursery to self-isolate at home for the next 14 days. The Nursery will re-open on Monday 7th December 2020.

While I know this is concerning news, please rest assured that the latest advice is that children of all ages have less severe symptoms than adults if they contract coronavirus and that younger children are less likely to become unwell if infected with coronavirus.

What do I do now?

Over the next 14 days, if your child develops one or more of the following symptoms, they may have coronavirus:

- a new continuous cough
- a high temperature
- a loss of, or change in, their normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia)

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.nhs.uk/ask-for-a-coronavirus-test> or by calling 119.

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>

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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.

For most people, coronavirus (COVID-19) will be a mild illness.

For more guidance on self-isolation, search for “How to self-isolate NHS.”

Please note that the guidance is that your other household members do not need to self-isolate unless your child subsequently develops symptoms.

Please be reassured that this is a precaution to try and stop the spread of the virus to the children in the group and our wider families. If you have any questions, please call the Academy on 01724 842518.

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

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

Thank you for your continued support during the disruption caused by the coronavirus. If you have any questions, please contact the Academy on 01724 842518 or by email at info.oasishendersonavenue.org.

We are here to support as much as we can. Please do not hesitate to ask if you have any questions.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "C Lloyd".

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