



24th November 2020



Dear Parent/Carer,



Further to my letter of 20th November, I am writing to inform you that unfortunately we have been informed of 3 new confirmed cases of COVID-19. There are now two members of staff within the school and two pupils who have contracted COVID-19.



The positive pupil cases cover both of our Key Stage bubbles, and therefore, unfortunately, your child may have had close physical contact with one of them. In line with the national guidance, and specific advice from Public Health England, your original isolation period remains the same as notified to you in my letter of 20th November 2020. The date of last contact with a confirmed case is counted as day zero (for your child this is 19th November 2020, as they were not in school on 20th November 2020). The 14-day self-isolation period for your child will therefore still end on 3rd December 2020.



If your child remains well at the end of the 14-day period he may stop self-isolating on 4th December 2020. Other members of your household can continue normal activities provided you do not develop symptoms within the 14-day self-isolation period.



Unfortunately, some pupils and teachers have to isolate until 5th December 2020, and the School will therefore be closed until **7th December 2020**.



This is obviously an unwelcome situation, but as you are aware, we are a small School Community, and as a result some of our teachers are required to teach across Key Stage bubbles. In addition, although our pupil Key Stage bubbles are not large, each represents half of the pupil numbers. Additionally, Key Stage 4 pupils undertake option subjects, which means that their bubbles cannot be smaller than their Key Stage. Altogether this means that a small number of cases can result in a higher proportion of the School population requiring to isolate.



I would like to take this opportunity again to provide you with general information on COVID-19.



General COVID information

What to do if your child develops symptoms of COVID 19 jk

If your child develops symptoms of COVID-19 they should remain at home. Arrange for a COVID test via <https://www.nhs.uk/ask-for-a-coronavirus-test> or by calling NHS 119 and inform the head teacher.



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If their test is negative and they can return to school when they are well.

If their test is positive, they will need to self-isolate for **10 days** from the date when your symptoms start. All your household members must self-isolate for 14 days.

The date of symptom onset is day zero.

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

Symptoms

The symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) are:

- recent onset of new continuous cough or
- high temperature 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 you are concerned about your health or the health of anyone else in your house, please seek advice from your GP or NHS 111 by phoning 111.

You must inform the School if your child has **a positive test**.

There are things you can do to reduce the risk of getting 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

Further Information

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

I would also like to remind you that we have a pre-scheduled Occasional Day on 30th November, 2020. In normal circumstances the School would be closed, therefore no remote learning will be taking place on that day.

I wish you all well and please do not hesitate to email admin@haileyhall.herts.sch.uk if you have any queries.

Yours sincerely



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