

**9<sup>th</sup> November 2020**

## **Bloomsbury Nursery School**

### **Advice to All Parents - Single case Covid 19**

Dear Parents,

We have been made aware of a staff member, of our nursery school community, who has tested positive for COVID 19.

We know that you may find this concerning. We would like to reassure you **that the staff member does not work directly with the children**; therefore, contact if any would be minimal.

This letter is to inform you of the current situation and provide advice on how to support your child. Please be reassured that for most people, coronavirus (COVID-19) will be a mild illness.

In line with our school risk assessment a decision has been made to close nursery school until further notice; this will most likely be until the **17<sup>th</sup> November** unless otherwise informed.

This was an extremely difficult decision to make. The children's safety, health and wellbeing, along with the team at Bloomsbury, have all been considered when making this decision.

Key workers will contact all families by telephone in the coming days to update you further. We will definitely re-open nursery school on the 17th November and possibly before.

### **What to do if your child develops symptoms of COVID 19**

If your child develops symptoms of COVID-19, they must 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>

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.

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

## **Symptoms**

The most common symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) are recent onset of:

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

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If your child does develop symptoms, you can seek advice from the nhs.uk website at <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/check-if-you-have-coronavirus-symptoms/>. If you are concerned about your child's symptoms, or they are worsening you can seek advice from NHS 111 at <https://111.nhs.uk/> 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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