



Hoyland Springwood Primary School

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FOR PARENTS / CARERS OF CLOSE CONTACTS OF COVID-19 at Hoyland Springwood Primary for ALL pupils in Miss Rooney's new class

Dear Parent or Carer,

Advice for Child to Self-Isolate for 10 Days

We have been made aware this morning that we have a confirmed positive case of coronavirus (COVID-19) in your child's class. Therefore all children in Miss Rooney's new class will need to isolate.

We have followed the national guidance and, following a risk assessment with Public Health England (PHE) advisers, have identified that your child has been in close contact with the individual who has had a positive test result for coronavirus (COVID-19). In line with the national guidance, your child must stay at home and self-isolate until **Thursday 15th July at midnight**. They can come back to school on **Friday 16th July**. Your child must not be brought onto school premises for drop off and collections during this isolation time.

If your child is well at the end of the 10 day period of self-isolation, then they can return to their usual activities and attend school as normal. Other members of your household can continue normal activities, provided your child does not develop symptoms within the 10 day self-isolation period.

For more information, please see the guidance for contacts of people with confirmed coronavirus (COVID-19) infection who do not live with the person: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-for-contacts-of-people-with-possible-or-confirmed-coronavirus-covid-19-infection-who-do-not-live-with-the-person>

What to do if your child develops symptoms of coronavirus (COVID 19)

Having been identified as a close contact, if your child then develops symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19), they should remain at home for at least 10 days from the date when their symptoms appeared. Symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) are a new, continuous cough, or a high temperature, or a loss of, or change in, their normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia). Anyone with symptoms will be eligible for a PCR test - this is the type of test that is normally available and 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 10 days. This includes anyone in your 'Support Bubble'. The 10-day isolation 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 10 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. If that is not possible, anyone with symptoms should try and stay as far away as possible from vulnerable members of your household.

For more information, please read PHE's 'Stay 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>

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

There are things you can do to help reduce the risk of you and anyone you live with getting ill with coronavirus (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 is available at: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

Additional Information

If you have younger or older siblings in school, they do not need to isolate and can be in school as usual. If you need support dropping off or picking up your child due to an isolating sibling, please contact school as we can work with you regarding this.

Remote learning for the class will begin tomorrow as Miss Rooney is now setting up her Seesaw account for her new class. There will be zoom links and remote learning set every day. If you need a device to support home learning in the next 10 days, please call school.

There is additional information included as an attachment on the e-mail with this letter from Barnsley Council about what to do if your child is told to self-isolate from school. Please read this information as you may be able book a PCR test for your child if you wish to.

Hoyland Springwood prides itself on the relationships and behaviours of all its school community. We endeavour to offer any support necessary for the staff, pupils and families we serve. This is built upon positive and respectful relationships between all parties. As always, we appreciate your support, patience and kindness during these challenging and exceptionally uncertain times. We need to work together and continue to support the guidance and follow the rules for the safety of all.

Yours faithfully,



Mrs Hunt
Headteacher