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Re: Advice to Parents/Carers

Dear Parents/Carers,

We have had a reported positive case of COVID 19 today in our Year 9 community. Whilst our Year 9 students are currently working remotely at home there may have been contact at the end of last week therefore those students identified as close contacts have been contacted and will self isolate for 14 days.

On the guidance of the DFE we will not collapse the whole year group bubble and they are monitoring the situation closely. This means that students not affected can continue their studies. We know for those students now self isolating this is not an ideal situation but we have to act upon the advice we are given to keep our community safe and minimise the risk as far as reasonably possible.

Clearly with the deteriorating situation nationally it highlights the need for us all to ensure we adhere to all the guidance that has been shared and most importantly that students are not sent to school when they may have symptoms or have been in contact with those that have tested positive.

We continue to work closely with the official bodies to ensure our community stays safe and we are able to continue a high quality education to our students.

What to do if your child develops symptoms of COVID 19

If your child develops symptoms of COVID-19, they 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 a test should be arranged immediately by booking online through the NHS testing and tracing for coronavirus website, or ordered by telephone via NHS 119. Essential workers, in education or childcare, have priority access to testing.

All other household members who remain well must stay at home and not leave the house for 14 days.

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 household members do not stay at home as advised then they risk wider transmission of coronavirus, resulting in schools having to request other members of our school community to self-isolate.

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 to, 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.

Symptoms

The most important symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) are recent onset of any of the following:

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

For most people, COVID-19 will be a mild illness. However, if you have any of the symptoms above you must stay at home and arrange to have a test to see if you have COVID-19.

If your child or anyone in the household does develop symptoms, you can seek advice from NHS 111 at <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/check-if-you-have-coronavirus-symptoms/> 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

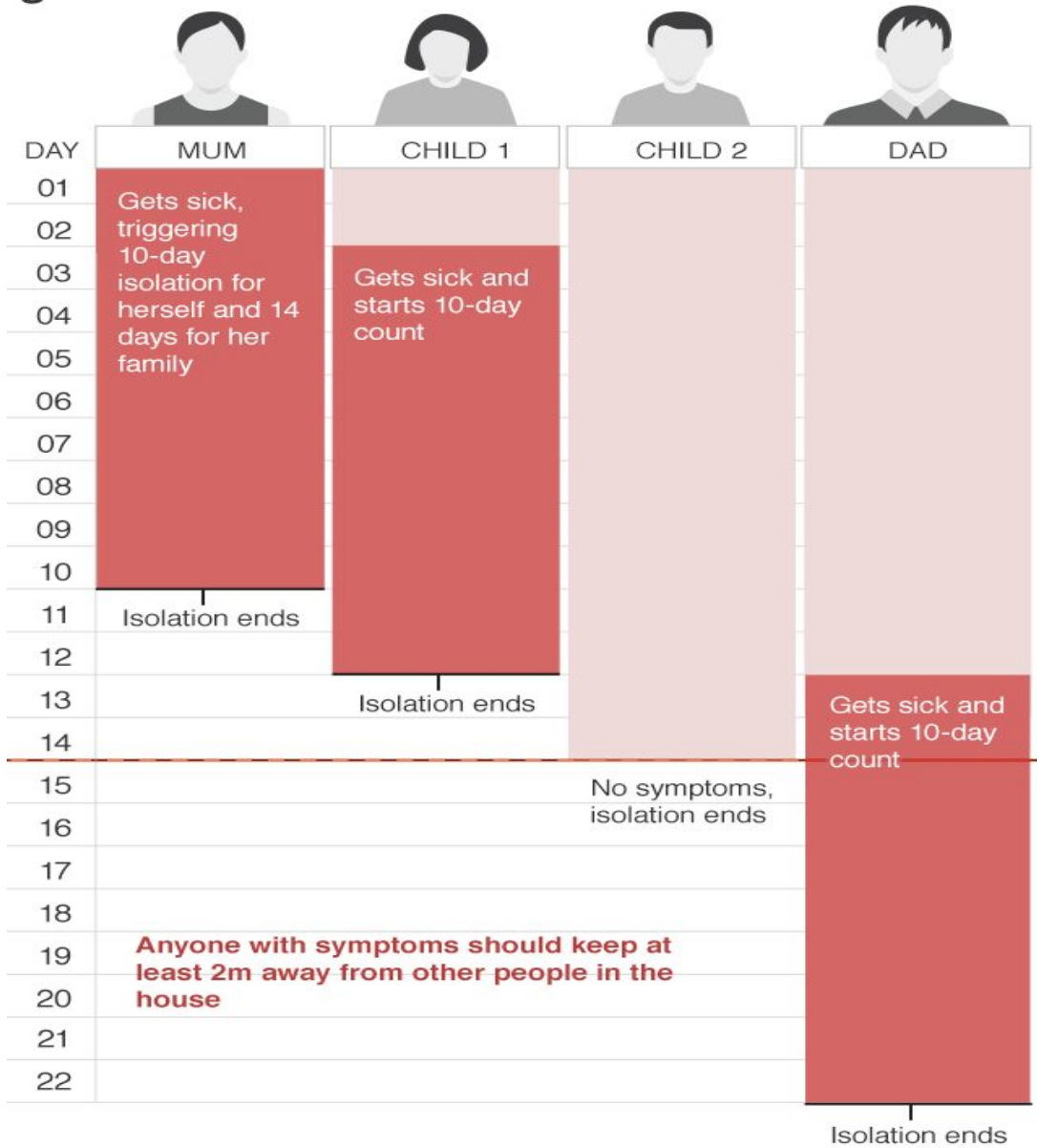
Further information is available at <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

Yours sincerely,



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What happens if someone in your family gets sick?



People may be able to pass on coronavirus without showing any symptoms

Source: Public Health England advice

