



# The Willows Catholic Primary School

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Dear Parents,

We have been made aware child at our school has tested positive for Coronavirus. We know that you may find this concerning but we are continuing to monitor the situation and are working closely with Public Health England. 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.

The small number of children who have been in close contact with the individual who has tested positive for coronavirus (COVID-19) have received a letter informing them that their child must stay at home for 14 days.

The school will remain open for the rest of the school and your child should continue to attend as normal if they remain well.

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

If your child develops symptoms of COVID-19, they must not come to school and should remain at home. Please inform the school immediately and arrange for a test. This can be done by calling NHS 119 or via <https://www.nhs.uk/ask-for-a-coronavirus-test>

In the event that your child develops symptoms, all other household members must stay at home and not leave the house for 14 days. This includes anyone in your 'Support Bubble'. 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 then you should ask friends or family. Staying at home will greatly reduce the overall amount of infection the household could pass on to others in the community.

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.

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.

## Symptoms of COVID 19

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

- new continuous cough and/or
- high temperature and/or
- a loss of, or change in, 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](https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/check-if-you-have-coronavirus-symptoms/) 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

- 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/>

Thank you for your understanding and co-operation. If you have any concerns or questions then please do not hesitate to contact Mr Wylde ([bobwyde@willows.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:bobwyde@willows.lancs.sch.uk)) or myself ([head@willows.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:head@willows.lancs.sch.uk))

Yours sincerely

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