



The Grinling Gibbons and Lucas Vale Federation
Executive Headteacher: Mr. John Calvert

6th December 2020

FOR PARENTS OF DIRECT CLOSE CONTACTS OF COVID-19 IN YEAR 4 AT LUCAS VALE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Advice for Child to Self-Isolate for 14 Days

Dear Parent(s)/Carer(s),

Earlier this evening, we were informed that a member of the **Year 4 bubble** has contracted Covid-19.

As a result, your child will now need to self-isolate and not come to school.

We have followed the national guidance and have identified that your child has been in close contact with the affected case. In line with the national guidance, we recommend that your child now stay at home and self-isolate up to, and including, Tuesday 15th December 2020 (14 days after contact). The first day back to school will be Wednesday 16th December 2020. Further information about online learning can be found at the end of this letter.

We are asking you to do this to reduce the further spread of COVID-19 to others in the community.

Self-isolation means they should:

- stay at home;
- ask friends or family members to bring them things they need such as medication and groceries or use delivery services for shopping which must be left outside your home for you to collect;
- as much as possible, separate themselves from others with the door closed or stay at least 2 metres (6 feet) away from people in your home;
- stay away from vulnerable individuals such as the elderly and those with underlying conditions as much as possible;
- stay in a well-ventilated room with a window that can be opened to keep air moving;
- sleep alone, if possible;
- clean toilet/bathrooms after their use if you share them with others (wiping surfaces they have come into contact with every time).
- wash their hands regularly for 20 seconds, each time using soap and water;
- use separate towels at all times from others in the household;
- stay in touch with others over the phone or through social media

They should **not**:

- go to school, public areas or use public transport or taxis;
- go outside unless they have access to your own garden;
- invite people into their/your home;



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- share towels, bedding or eating utensils and dishes, cups, and glasses.

If your child is well at the end of the 14 days period of self-isolation, then they can return to usual activities.

Other members of your household can continue normal activities provided your child does not develop symptoms within the 14-day self-isolation period.

Please see the link to the PHE Staying 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>

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.

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 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 14 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.

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



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- a loss of, or change in, your normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia)

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

If your child 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/>

Next steps

Mrs. Cobblah will meet you all via Zoom on Tuesday morning at 9:30am to answer any questions you have.

Please find the Zoom link below:

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85289153189?pwd=YmVCcTVuUHVvcjBubjhlbW9TSWFRZz09>

Meeting ID: 852 8915 3189

Passcode: 6Te2RU

Our priority is for learning to continue, teachers will be in touch to give you more details.

Yours sincerely,
Mrs. Ruth Cobblah

Head of School