Dear Parents/Carers,

SCHOOL WILL BE CLOSED TO ALL CHILDREN AND STAFF MONDAY 21ST SEPTEMBER 2020 FOR A FULL DEEP CLEAN AS A PRECAUTION – Nursery aged children 3-4year olds, can attend as normal from Tuesday 22nd September 2020.

We have been informed by Public Health England that there has been a confirmed case of Covid-19 within the school.

We have followed the national guidance and have identified that a number of children in the Preschool zone (2-year-old group) have been in close contact with the affected person. In line with the national guidance, we recommend that your child now stay at home and self-isolate until Monday 5th October.

Self-isolation means your child must remain at home and not go outside your home for any reason, example; to school, public areas and must not use public transport or taxi’s, they must not visit other households.

We are asking you to do this to reduce the further spread of COVID-19 to other within the Community.

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

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 staying at home for 14 days will greatly reduce the overall amount of infection the household could pass on to the others in the Community.
* If you are able, you can 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 on-set of:

* A high temperature- this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)
* A new, continuous cough- this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
* A loss or change to your sense of smell or taste- this means you’ve noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

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

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-symptons/> 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
* Use hand sanitiser
* Wash your hands as soon as you get home
* Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when you cough or sneeze
* Put tissues in the bin immediately and wash your hands

We will contact you to see how you are over the coming days. There will be activities to help keep your child occupied via the website.

If you have any further worries or concerns, or if your child develops symptoms, please contact us on 0121 4271058 or 0121 4648238.