

26 November 2020

Urgent: Coronavirus - Closure of Kingfisher Hall from tomorrow- Friday 27th November

Dear Parent/Carer,

It is with regret that I am writing to all our families today to inform you that 2 members of staff have tested positive for the coronavirus and a further 5 now have to self-isolate. I received this news late this afternoon.

We have taken advice from Public Health England (PHE) and have reluctantly made the decision to close the school. Due to the roles of the staff who have to self-isolate for 14 days it will be impossible to operate the school.

As of tomorrow, Friday 27th November, the whole school will be shut and then reopen on Friday 11th December.

Home Learning

For the next 14 days your child's teacher will be working from home too. Your child will be expected to continue to learn from home every day and your child's learning will be posted onto DB primary daily.

The class teacher will be monitoring the work online and will get in touch with your child by phone or Zoom at least twice a week for a catch up.

A separate letter regarding home learning will be sent out tomorrow.

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 this can be arranged [here](#) or by calling 119 .

Please see the link to the PHE 'Stay at Home' Guidance [here](#).

COVID-19 Symptoms

If your child is well now, they do not need any specific treatment. However, you should be vigilant for any symptoms of COVID-19 infection and where these are observed seek a test.

The common symptoms of recent onset of:

- New continuous cough and/or
- High temperature
- Loss of, or change in, your normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia)

If you, or anyone in your family, has these symptoms now or in the future, arrange to have a test as soon as possible, stay at home for 10 days from when your symptoms started, even if you are mildly unwell.

All other members of your household will need to self-isolate for 14 days. This is to protect others in your community.

If your child or anyone in the household does develop symptoms, you can seek advice from NHS 111 [here](#).

Testing for people with symptoms is available and more information can be found [here](#).

Precautions

- There are things you can do to avoid catching or spreading coronavirus
- Wash your hands with soap and water often – do this for at least 20 seconds
- When you leave your home, always wash your hands when you return
- Use hand sanitiser gel if soap and water are not available
- 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
- Try to avoid close contact with people who are unwell

Once again, let me extend my sincere apologies for having to take this course of action. It is not what I want to do but I have no choice in these particular circumstances.

Please stay safe, look after your children for me and bring them back on December the 11th.

Thank you for your continued support

Mr M Clifford

Headteacher