



# Wadebridge School

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## Advice to All Parents - Single case

Dear Parents,

We have now been made aware of a 2<sup>nd</sup> member of our school community who have tested positive for COVID 19 who has been in school prior to the positive test result.

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

As a precautionary measure, to minimise further 'close contacts' and to safeguard our school community and families, all **Year 10 students** will be working from home for the rest of the week.

A separate letter has gone to those parents with all the necessary details.

We appreciate that this is a worrying time, but please be assured that we have followed the guidelines rigorously and taken all necessary action.

The school remains open to **all other year groups** and your child should continue to attend as normal if they remain well.

Yours sincerely

**Miss T Yardley**  
**Headteacher**

## **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 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 via <https://www.nhs.uk/ask-for-a-coronavirus-test> or by calling 119.

All other household members who remain well, must stay at home and not leave the house for 14 days. This includes anyone in your 'Support Bubble'.

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.

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**

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

- a new continuous cough
- a high temperature
- 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 the nhs.uk 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

#### **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**

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