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Dear Parents/Carers,

All children currently attending school can continue to attend even if we have a confirmed case. Close contacts i.e. other children in the class and family members of the positive case are advised to take a PCR test.

Please inform us if you are taking your child for a PCR test and only send them into school once you have received a negative result. We are asking the children to stay out of school whilst awaiting their result to reduce the spread of the virus should they subsequently test positive.

Thank you for your support.

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. We will continue to monitor the situation.

WHAT TO DO IF YOUR CHILD DEVELOPS SYMPTOMS OF COVID-19

- Please inform school immediately if your child develops symptoms or tests positive, by phoning school or emailing head@rivington.lancs.sch.uk or bursar@rivington.lancs.sch.uk
- If your child develops symptoms of COVID-19, they should take a PCR test and self-isolate.
- The isolation period starts immediately from when their symptoms started, or, if they do not have any symptoms, from when their test was taken.
- Their isolation period includes the day their symptoms started (or the day their test was taken if they do not have symptoms), and the next 10 full days.
- <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-homeguidance-for-households-with-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection>
- You can arrange for testing via <https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test> or 111.nhs.uk or primary care.



SYMPTOMS OF COVID 19

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

- new continuous cough and/or
- high temperature
- a loss of, or change in, normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia)

New symptoms include:

- Sore throat
- Runny nose
- Headache
- Sickness

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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:

- 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

Yours sincerely,

Sarah Annette

Headteacher