



## St. Ethelbert's R.C. Primary School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

### **NURSERY & RECEPTION CLOSURES.**

I am writing to inform you that various members of our school community have tested positive for coronavirus. In line with advice from Public Health England, EYFS will now close for a deep clean. Whilst I understand that you may have concerns with regards to the above, I can assure you that the school will continue with social distancing measures and cleaning and hygiene arrangements will remain in place throughout the day.

Parents in Nursery & Reception have already been contacted with their next steps. Those children outside of Nursery & Reception (including siblings) should continue to attend school as normal.

At school we will continue to remind children to frequently wash their hands with soap and water for 20 seconds and dry thoroughly, use a tissue or elbow to cough or sneeze and use bins for tissue waste ('catch it, bin it, kill it'), we encourage parents to continue with these reminders.

If your child does become unwell with a new, continuous cough or a high temperature, or has a loss of, or change in, their normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia), please alert the school and do not send your child into school. Follow the government guidance [COVID-19: guidance for households with possible coronavirus infection guidance](#) and outlined below:

- Your child must stay at home for at least 10 days. 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.
- For anyone else in the household who starts displaying [symptoms](#), they need to stay at home for at least 10 days from when the symptoms appeared, regardless of what day they are on in the original 14 day isolation period

If you or your child begin to show the above symptoms, we would also encourage you to follow the national guidance. For most people, coronavirus (COVID-19) will be a mild illness. However, if you develop symptoms you must self-isolate at home and arrange to have a test to see if you have COVID-19 – visit [NHS.UK](https://www.nhs.uk) to arrange or contact NHS 119 via telephone if you do not have internet access.

As soon as you start having symptoms, you and anyone in your household must follow the [Stay at Home: Guidance for households with possible or confirmed coronavirus \(COVID-19\)](#).

Please inform the school of positive results. If you have any concerns, please contact school and we can discuss this further.

Yours faithfully

Mrs Messham