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Notification and advice to all parents

Dear Parents/ Carers,

Many of you will be aware that we have recently had to close the Year 2 and Year 4 bubbles due to a multiple sibling case. Today, we have also closed the entire EYFS bubble (Reception and Nursery) due to two staff members contracting Covid-19. I have spoken with the Department for Education and the Dudley Children and Young Person's Team. I need to take action to reduce the risk of a serious outbreak and to reduce the further spread of coronavirus (COVID19) to others in the community. We are also unable to keep the school open due to unsafe staffing levels. With the support of The Local Authority and the Learning Link Multi Academy Trust Accountable Officer, I have taken the decision to close Kates Hill Primary School for the next two weeks.

The school will close as of tomorrow: Monday 16th November.

The school will open again on Monday 30th November.

Pupils and staff in Year 2 and Year 4 will still remain in isolation for a further week.

Pupils and staff in EYFS (Reception and Nursery) will need to isolate from today until 29th November.

I know this may cause concern and I apologise for the inconvenience to families. However, I am sure you will support my decision to prioritise the health and safety of all members of our school community. The closure period will create a 'break' to reduce the risk of further infection and will allow an additional deep clean of all classrooms.

Home learning is provided via Microsoft Teams and through RM Unify. Teachers will be in contact with you via ParentHub and you may contact them on the year group email address. It is vital that you check for updates regularly.

I thank you in advance of your support and hope everyone stays safe and well.

Yours Sincerely,
Mrs K Harvey
Headteacher

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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-coronavirustest> 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

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

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