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Dear Families

Guidance and Advice for COVID-19 Prior to the Summer Break

As you will be aware we are committed to ensuring that school stays open to all children and staff and also to ensuring that everyone in our school community is kept safe, not only from coronavirus but illness in general.

We are aware that the summer holidays are fast approaching and we understand that this will be a very welcomed break for many families. In order to make sure we all get there without illness or disruption due to bubble closure, we ask for your support and assistance. We really need to work together to make sure that we continue to stay open amidst the recent influx in cases across Leeds.

Please read the guidance below very carefully and let us know if you have any questions about any of the content. We will be more than happy to go through this.

Face Coverings

Staff continue to wear face coverings during their transition through school or where they are unable to maintain a 2meter distance from someone not in their "bubble".

We MUST ask that all visitors, parents, carers, family members etc. wear a face covering while on the school grounds. This includes in the playground and drop off and collection. Anyone wishing to enter the school building will NOT be able to do so without a face covering, unless proof of exemption can be provided.

While on the school grounds we must continue to maintain 2 meters' distance from anyone who is not in our household.

We understand that following the recent lifting of restrictions there are some settings you are able to meet other households, however, this is not the guidance that has been given to schools and therefore we must stick to the guidance we have been given and keep our school community safe.

If you have lost or forgotten your face mask and need one, we do have spares in school. These will be readily available at the school gate. Please do not hesitate to ask a member of staff and we will be happy to get one for you.



Playground Protocols

We would ask that you continue to support us to ensure the school is 'Covid Safe' by assisting us with the following:

- Only one parent accompanies the child to reduce the number of adults arriving at and departing school.
- Parents waiting to pick up at the end of the day, please maintain 2-meter social distancing. Please be a good role model to your children and remember the school's priority is to keep us ALL safe.
- Reminder that Year 5 and 6 parent's pick-up zone is the top end of the playground and not directly outside the Y5/6 stairwell.
- Arriving at the allocated time for drop off and pick-up to ensure bubbles are not mixing.
- Year 3/4 parents are to wait on the bottom end of the playground, Y2 parents can now spread out onto the areas outside of the class doors.

Delta Variant Symptoms

As you are no doubt aware, the Delta variant of Covid-19 is now the most prevalent form of the virus in Leeds. The Zoe Covid Symptom Study, the largest ongoing global study of Covid-19, has highlighted that a headache, sore throat and runny nose are now the most common symptoms of the Delta variant, instead of a cough and loss of smell, although fever is still common. The question has been asked whether there are any plans to update the national schools' guidance to reflect this. It is understood that there are currently no plans to update the list of symptoms in the schools' guidance that would trigger the need for staff or students to seek a test. However, Public Health England have said anyone who suspects they may have Covid due to displaying any of the symptoms related to the Delta or earlier variants, should be encouraged to seek a test.

Main Symptoms of COVID-19

It can be pretty confusing as to when a PCR test is required. Please note that we cannot accept an LFT/LFD test result as a confirmatory COVID-19 test result. We are only able to allow children back into school if they receive a negative PCR test result if they are the person who has the one or more of the following symptoms

- **High temperature**
- **New continuous cough**
- **Loss of or change to your sense of smell or taste**

Tests can be booked online: <https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test>

What should I do if....	Action needed	Return to school
My child has COVID 19 (coronavirus)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Child shouldn't attend school• Child should get a test as soon as possible	When child's test comes back negative and they

symptoms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Whole household should self-isolate while waiting for test result • Inform school immediately about results 0113 255 2526 in school hours/ email office@parkspringprimary.co.uk or call/text 07891274260 out of hours. Please provide child's name and year group. 	are symptom-free for 48 hours.
My child tests positive for COVID-19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Child shouldn't attend school • Child self-isolates for at least 10 days from when symptoms started (or from day of test if no symptoms) • Inform school immediately about results 0113 255 2526 in school hours/ office@parkspringprimary.co.uk or call/text 07891274260 out of hours. Please provide child's name and year group. • Whole household self-isolates for 10 days from day when child's symptoms started (or from day of test if no symptoms) <i>even if someone else tests negative within the 10 days</i> 	When child feels better, and has been without a fever for at least 48 hours They can return to school after 10 days even if they have a cough or loss of smell/ taste. These symptoms can last for several weeks once the infection is gone.
Somebody in my household has COVID-19 symptoms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Child shouldn't attend school • Household member with symptoms should get a test • Whole household should self-isolate while waiting for test result • Inform school immediately about results 0113 255 2526 in school hours/ office@parkspringprimary.co.uk or call/text 07891274260 out of hours. Please provide child's name and year group. 	When the household member's test is negative, and child does not have COVID-19 symptoms
Somebody in my household tests positive for COVID-19 (coronavirus)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Child shouldn't attend school • Whole household self-isolates for 10 days from day when the tested person's symptoms started (or from day of test if no symptoms) even if someone else tests negative within the 10 days. • Inform school immediately about results 0113 255 2526 in school hours/ office@parkspringprimary.co.uk or call/text 07891274260 out of hours. Please provide child's name and year group. 	When child has completed 10 days of self-isolation, even if they test negative during the 10 days
NHS Test & Trace has identified my	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Child shouldn't attend school 	When child has completed 10 days of self-isolation,

child as a 'close contact' of somebody with symptoms or confirmed COVID-19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Child self-isolates for 10 days (as advised by NHS Test & Trace)- even if they test negative during those 10 days • Rest of household does not need to self-isolate, unless they are a 'close contact' too. • Inform school immediately 0113 255 2526 in school hours/ office@parkspringprimary.co.uk or call/text 07891274260 out of hours. Please provide child's name and year group. 	even if they test negative during the 10 days
We have received advice from a medical/ official source that my child must resume shielding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Child shouldn't attend school • Contact school as advised • Child should shield until you are informed that restrictions are lifted and shielding is paused again 	When school/ other agencies inform you that restrictions have been lifted and your child can return to school again
I am not sure who should get a test for COVID-19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Only people with symptoms should get a test • People without symptoms are not advised to get a test, even if they are a 'close contact' of someone who tests positive 	Not applicable

If someone in your household tests positive for COVID-19 and you are unsure what this means for your family please visit the following website or view the attachment:
https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/961291/Stay_at_home_illustration_Feb_2021.pdf

We do understand the frustrations of families, however, we do need to keep the same vigilance with the virus as we did in March 2020 in order to keep EVERYONE at Park Spring Primary safe.

Please let us know if you require any support or advice and we will be there to guide you.

Your sincerely

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