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Advice to All Parents – Coronavirus Outbreak and School Closure

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have been made aware of a several suspected and positive cases of coronavirus in school and within the wider community. This is now considered an outbreak, with Wath and surrounding areas considered a HOT SPOT. As such there has been an Incident Management Team Meeting today involving the School, Trust, LA and Public Health England.

Together with Public Health England, a determination of outcome was agreed as follows

- To instruct a whole school closure as at close of the school day today.
- To close Wath Central to all pupils from Wednesday 30th June 2021 up to and including Friday 2nd July 2021.
- To welcome all pupils back to setting on Monday 5th July, with the exception of those whose bubbles have been instructed to isolate and already given set dates to return (see below) or those isolating through Track and Trace.
- To inform stakeholders and the wider community that the DELTA variant of coronavirus is the predominate strain now in Wath and its surrounding areas
- To ask all parents/pupils to observe the public health guidance and maintain appropriate social distancing to support the break in chain that the closure allows.

Current Bubble Closures	
Class	Bubble Returns
F2H	05.07.21
2M	05.07.21
5GB	05.07.21
1B	06.07.21
1G	06.07.21
2L	06.07.21
6S	09.07.21
6B	09.07.21

We know that you may find this concerning but please be reassured that for most people, coronavirus (COVID-19) will be a mild illness, however we urge you to remain vigilant and follow all precautions as laid out by PHE and the Government.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D Silvester', written in a cursive style.

David Silvester

National leader of Education

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Guidance only

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 10 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 10-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 10 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 or anyone in the household 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

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/>