



Garfield Primary
Today's children, tomorrow's future.

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Re: Single Confirmed Case of Covid 19 at Garfield – Year 4

I am writing to you today as we have just been advised by Public Health England that there has been a further SINGLE confirmed case of Covid 19 at Garfield. After following advice and carefully tracking all those who came into what is classed as “direct contact” with the person who has tested positive we have needed to ask both year 4 classes to self-isolate for the required time. Some staff will also be required to self-isolate.

We are continuing to monitor the situation and work closely with Public Health England. This letter is to inform you of the current situation and provide you with advice on how to support your child. Please be assured that for most people, coronavirus (COVID-19) will be a mild illness.

The school remains open and providing your child remains well, they can continue to attend school as normal. We will keep this under review.

What to do if your child develops symptoms of COVID 19:

If your child develops symptoms of COVID-19, they should remain at home for at least **10 days** from the date when their symptoms appeared.

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.

Household members should not go to work, school or public areas and exercise should be taken within the home.

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 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, 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/> HYPERLINK

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I understand that you may have questions and concerns, and that is why I sent out a letter earlier this week. The senior team will also be available at the start and end of the day also to assist.

Yours sincerely,

Karen Khwaja

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