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Dear Parents and Carers,

We have been advised that **there has been a confirmed case of Covid-19** within our nursery school.

We have carried out a full risk assessment and identified all those who have been in close contact with the affected case. If your child has been identified, we will contact you today, initially through the Class Dojo messaging service and then through a telephone call. This will be done before 3.30pm. You will also receive a letter by email, which will provide further details of what to do next regarding self-isolation.

If you do not receive a message or telephone call from us by 3.30pm today, then your child has not been identified as a close contact. Your child will not need to make any changes to their usual routine, including (where applicable) continuing to attend nursery.

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

For most people, especially children, COVID-19 will be a mild illness.

The most common symptoms of COVID-19 are recent onset of:

* new continuous cough and/or
* high temperature and/or
* a loss of, or change in, normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia)

If your child develops any of these symptoms of COVID-19, they should remain at home and arrangements should be made for them to be tested. At that time all other household members must also stay at home, not go to work, school or public areas, even for exercise.

Testing can be arranged by calling 119 or via the NHS website: nhs.uk/coronavirus

When the result of the child’s test is known further advice will be available. Please inform nursery of the outcome should your child require a test.

**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:

* 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 nhs.uk/coronavirus

Yours faithfully

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