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Dear Year 6 parents and carers,

Apologies for writing to you so late but in light of the Prime Minister's recent message I am forced to do so. I wrote to you earlier today to say that all of Year 6 would be able to attend school tomorrow. As the country is now in lockdown, this is no longer possible. As for all year groups, only vulnerable children and, where possible, children of key workers will be able to attend school. All other children must stay at home to access their learning remotely.

In order to give the Year 6 staff time to fully prepare for putting in place 'blended learning', so that the children at home can join in lessons remotely, it will be necessary for **all Year 6 pupils to stay at home tomorrow**. They will be able to access the home learning resources on our school website.

Tomorrow, we will contact those parents whose children are able to start attending school from Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> January onwards.

I am sorry not only for the lateness of this letter but that all Year 6 children will be unable to attend school tomorrow and the inconvenience this may cause. It is necessary however for all Year 6 children to stay at home tomorrow.

Thank you for your understanding and your child's teacher will contact you tomorrow with an update.

Yours sincerely,



Tim Browse

**Public Health England Guidance**

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-for-contacts-of-people-with-possible-or-confirmed-coronavirus-covid-19-infection-who-do-not-live-with-the-person>

**Everyone can achieve.**

**Everyone can learn.**

**Everyone belongs.**

## 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. 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 .

People who do not have symptoms should not request a test unless this has been specifically requested by Public Health England or the local authority.

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'.

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 can, 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

Please see the link to the PHE 'Stay at Home' Guidance:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-households-with-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection>

## Symptoms of COVID 19

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- high temperature and/or
- a loss of, or change in, 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

*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/>

## PHE Staying at Home Guidance

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If your child develops symptoms of COVID-19, **you should organise for your child to be tested** via the [NHS online portal](#) or by calling 119. Your household should isolate until you receive the test results giving the all clear.

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### **Flu vaccination**

We would like to take this opportunity to remind you and your family to have the flu vaccination if you are eligible for this, especially if you are in a risk group. You can find out about risk groups and whether you are eligible for a flu vaccine at the [NHS Flu vaccine overview](#).

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