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Dear Parents of Nursery AM, PM and Full time children,

I am writing to inform you that we have had another positive case within our Nursery community. This means that the Nursery will need to be **closed on Monday 2nd November**. We will welcome the children back from Tuesday 3rd November. I apologise for any inconvenience this may cause, but we are following the government advice with regards to isolation and closing bubbles. I have spoken with both our confirmed cases and thankfully they are on the mend.

During the time the Nursery has been closed we have had it deep cleaned so together with the break and the cleaning any germs should be eradicated. I am hopeful that if we continue to follow government guidance as set out below we should reduce the risk of infection spread.

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. **Please do notify the school and be specific about the symptoms and when they started.**

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

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, 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/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.

Hands

- Wash your hands regularly and for at least 20 seconds.

Face

- Cover your face in enclosed spaces, especially where social distancing may be difficult and where you will come into contact with people you do not normally meet.
- It is now compulsory to wear cloth face coverings on public transport, shops and several other indoor settings.

Space

- Stay 2 metres apart where possible, or 1 metre with extra precautions in place.
- Keep your distance from people who are outside your household or support bubble.
- Limit social gatherings (including abiding by the 'rule of 6') and avoid crowded places.

Further Information

- Further information is available at: <https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus/education-and-childcare>

Thank you for your continued support in this very difficult situation and I hope that your family remain well.

Best wishes,



Mrs M Tucker
Head Teacher