



PARK HILL PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parent,

We have been advised that there has been a small number of confirmed cases of COVID-19 within the school community. In partnership with the Local Authority Education and Public Health teams we have carried out an in-depth assessment of situation. It has been recommended by the Local Authority that we close Park Hill Primary School due to the isolation periods required for some staff members impacting on our ability to run the school.

We look forward to welcoming children who are not identified as close contacts back on **Tuesday 1st December**.

Some parents have received a 'close contact' letter earlier this afternoon (Reception, Year 1 and 6H). In these cases, children will be expected to self-isolate – the guidelines are contained within this communication as well as a later return to school date of Friday 4 December. Please disregard the date of 1 December 2020 and the follow guidance!

If you have not received a 'close contact letter' your child has **not** been identified as a close contact and therefore does not need to make any changes to their normal routine if they continue to be non-symptomatic.

We, along with the Local Authority Education and Public Health teams are continually assessing the situation regarding COVID cases and will update you if further changes are made.

Virtual Learning

As usual, contact with school staff can be made via Class Dojo – a reminder that work can be uploaded via Class Dojo portfolios. For children within our Early Years setting 'Tapestry' is our online tool.

Our school website contains useful information including parent support sheets (click on Parent's Support!) All class teachers have got contact telephone numbers for all children so you can expect contact moving forward. Please be aware that calls will be made from 'withheld numbers'.

If you are unsure about any of these details, please message your child's class teacher.

Symptoms

The most common symptoms of COVID-19 are recent onset of a new continuous cough and/or a high temperature and/or a loss of, or change in, normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia). If your child, or anyone in your household, develops these symptoms, you whole household must remain at home and not go to work, school or public areas. You should arrange testing for the person who has developed symptoms. When the result is known further advice will be available.

Testing can be arranged by calling 119 or via the NHS website: [nhs.uk/coronavirus](https://www.nhs.uk/coronavirus)

How to stop COVID-19 spreading

There are things we can all 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](https://www.nhs.uk/coronavirus)

THANKYOU for your support and understanding. Without doubt, this has been a challenging decision to have made and a most intense day.

I am looking forward to calmer moments and most importantly, welcoming children back into school as soon as possible – from **Tuesday 1 December**.

Kind regards,

Mr Griffin
Headteacher
Park Hill Primary School