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Dear Parents and Carers,

FOR THE ATTENTION OF YEAR 2

We are sorry to inform you that there has been a confirmed case of COVID-19 within our Year two cohort.

Although the classes operate predominantly as a 'class bubble' there is overlap within the year group during lunchtimes and a few other limited times during the week. We received the information very late last night and have been unable to yet get through to Public Health England for advice and so have had to take a cautious approach and close all 3 Year Two classes and ask staff and children to self isolate for 14 days.

We also felt that informing families early this morning, rather than waiting for PHE at least allowed you to make your own plans as we realise this is extremely disruptive. Should we receive further advice which allows some of Year Two to return to school we will inform you immediately.

But, for now, in line with the national guidance we recommend that your child now stays at home and self-isolates until Wednesday 30th September 2020 and returns to school on Thursday, 1st October 2020 .

We are asking you to do this to reduce the further spread of COVID 19 to others in the community.

If your child is well at the end of the 14 days period of self-isolation, then they can return to usual activities.

Other members of your household can continue normal activities provided your child does not develop symptoms within the 14-day self-isolation period.

Please see the link to the PHE Staying at Home Guidance around self isolation:

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

Please read the information on the following page about what to do if anyone in your family develops symptoms of Covid 19.

This is not a letter we wanted to write so early in the term, and we realise how worrying it is for the whole community. We are working with the Junior School to try and limit the disruption to your lives whilst at the same time ensuring safety is paramount.

We realise families may need to talk through this information and we are will do our best to answer any questions you may have. Please contact school by email on office@rednalhill-inf.bham.sch.uk and by telephone on 0121 4532636.

Finally, we would like to send our best wishes to the family involve and wish them a speedy recovery.

Yours in partnership

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Anna Pendleton'.

Anna Pendleton and the staff team at Rednal Hill Infant School

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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/>

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