



9 December 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

I am writing to inform you that today, 9 December 2020, we were notified that there has been a confirmed case of COVID-19 within the **Preschool**.

We have contacted parents of those children who may have been in close contact with the child/adult who has tested positive in a separate letter. These children are being asked to self-isolate for 14 days along with staff members who were also in contact with the child/adult. **The school remains open for the majority of children and providing your child remains well they should continue to attend school as normal.**

We are continuing to monitor the situation and are working closely with Public Health England. This letter is to inform you of the current situation and provide advice on how to support your child. Please be reassured that for most people, coronavirus (COVID-19) will be a mild illness.

It is important that you read the following information which has been provided by Public Health England. We are asking you to do this to reduce the further spread of COVID 19 to others in the community.

### COVID-19 Symptoms

If your child is well now, they do not need any specific treatment. However, you should be vigilant for any symptoms of COVID-19 infection. COVID-19 is an illness that can affect your lungs and airways. It's caused by a virus called coronavirus.

The common symptoms of COVID-19 are:

- a high temperature, and/or
- a new continuous cough
- loss of sense of taste or smell

If you, or anyone in your family, has these symptoms now or in the future, stay at home for 10 days from when your symptoms started, even if you are mildly unwell. All other members of your household will need to self-isolate for 14 days. This is to protect others in your community. Do not go to a GP surgery, pharmacy or hospital. If you or your child become very unwell then contact NHS 111 for advice.

Testing for people with symptoms is available via:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/what-to-do-if-you-or-someone-you-live-with-has-coronavirus-symptoms/>

## Precautions

There are things you can do to avoid catching or spreading coronavirus:

- wash your hands with soap and water often – do this for at least 20 seconds
- when you leave your home, always wash your hands when you return
- use hand sanitiser gel if soap and water are not available
- 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
- try to avoid close contact with people who are unwell

More information on COVID-19 is available at:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/> and

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-information-for-the-public> .

Keeping our children and families, staff and local community safe is our priority. It is vital that we follow government guidance and the advice from the local Public Health England Health Protection Team (PHE HPT). We realise that you may have questions about the situation: if this is the case, please email [admin@dsatparkland.org](mailto:admin@dsatparkland.org). Please note that we will not be able to discuss any details relating to the individual case but will do our best to answer any general questions that you may have as promptly as we can.

Thank you for your support in helping to keep everyone at our school safe.

Yours sincerely,



Joanne Andrews  
Headteacher