



DEAN TRUST Wigan

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Parent/Carer

Dear Parent/Carer

Confirmed COVID 19 case Year 8 Teaching bubble

Year 8 working from home until Monday 21st September 2020, all other year groups to attend as usual.

We have been advised by Public Health England that there has been a confirmed case of COVID-19 within the Year 8 teaching bubble.

In line with the national guidance Public Health England have instructed that children in **Year 8 pupils must stay at home and self-isolate until the end of Friday 18th September 2020**, and **return to school on Monday 21st September 2020**. We are asking them to do this to reduce the further spread of COVID 19 to others in the community.

Other pupils in other year groups including siblings of children in Year 8 can continue normal activities and **do not need to self-isolate**, provided your child does not develop symptoms. This means children in other year groups must attend school as usual as our health and safety measures reduces the risk for pupils.

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 7 days from the date when their symptoms appeared as advised in <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance>.

You should arrange for testing for your child via <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-getting-tested> or 111.nhs.uk or primary care.

Symptoms of COVID 19

The most common symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) are recent onset of:

- new continuous cough and/or
- 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. We ask parents not to send their child to school if they or people in your immediate family (people you live with) have symptoms and are self isolating.

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If your child 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

- 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/>

Yours sincerely

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