



Millbrook Junior School

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Dear Parents/Carers

Thank you to all the parent/carers who have contacted me this term to offer words of encouragement and support. It means so much that so many of you are working with us and appreciate all that we do.

We are working hard to make sure we keep your children safe and ensure school feels as normal as it can possibly be given the situation in the country at the moment. We have included details below to explain what happens if we are notified of a positive COVID-19 case in our school community. This is the same process all schools throughout the country will be following.

Mrs Danielle Warren

Coronavirus Update

As the number of cases in Northamptonshire continue to rise, we thought that we would clarify some of the advice and ask that you to continue to ensure you are following the guidance.

What happens if there is a confirmed case of coronavirus (COVID-19) amongst the school community?

All schools must take swift action when they become aware that someone, who has attended, has tested positive for coronavirus (COVID-19). Once confirmed, schools contact the DfE Helpline for advice on the action to take in response to a positive case.

The advice service carry out a rapid risk assessment to confirm who has been in close contact with the person during the period that they were infectious, and ensure they are asked to self-isolate. If, following triage, further expert advice is required, the adviser escalates the school's call to the PHE local health protection team.

Class Assemblies

We will let you know as soon as we are able to resume these.

P.A.T.H

Please remember to use PATH meetings to speak to the class teacher. (Parent/Carer and Teacher Hours) every Monday from 3.30pm until 5.30pm.

Appointments can also be made during this time to meet with Senior Leaders of the school.

Although we are unable to meet you in person at the moment, we are always happy to speak with you on the phone. We care about your children and want to work with you to get it right.

To make an appointment with the class teacher, please phone or email the school office.

Don't forget, each class has its own email account. If you would like to email your child's class teacher, the email address is the class name followed by @millbrookjuniors.co.uk. E.g. Galileo class email address is Galileo@millbrookjuniors.co.uk

If you have a complaint, please make sure that you follow the school Complaints Policy which can be found on the school website.

The advice service (or PHE local health protection team if escalated) work with schools to guide them through the actions that they need to take. Based on their advice, schools must send home those people who have been in close contact with the person who has tested positive, advising them to self-isolate for 14 days from the day that they were last in close contact with that person when they were infectious. Close contact means:

direct close contacts - face to face contact with an infected individual for any length of time, within 1 metre, including being coughed on, a face to face conversation, or unprotected physical contact (skin-to-skin)

proximity contacts - extended close contact (within 1 to 2 metres for more than 15 minutes) with an infected individual

travelling in a small vehicle, like a car, with an infected person

The advice service (or PHE local health protection team if escalated) provide definitive advice on who must be sent home.

A template letter is provided to schools, on the advice of the health protection team, to send to parents and staff if needed. This letter would explain to you exactly what you need to do.

Sometimes, the advice may be that there is no action to be taken. In this case, you will not receive a letter as there will be no action that you need to take. However, in the interest of transparency, we may alert you to the fact that a case has been identified in our community so you are aware.

What should I do if my child is sent home and told to self-isolate?

Household members of those contacts who are sent home do not need to self-isolate themselves unless the child, who is self-isolating, subsequently develops symptoms. If someone in a class or group, that has been asked to self-isolate, develops symptoms themselves within their 14-day isolation period, they should follow [guidance for households with possible or confirmed coronavirus \(COVID-19\) infection](#). They should get a test and follow the guidelines below:

- if someone who is self-isolating because they have been in close contact with a person who has tested positive for coronavirus (COVID-19) starts to feel unwell and gets a test for coronavirus themselves, and the test delivers a negative result, they must remain in isolation for the remainder of the 14-day isolation period. This is because they could still develop coronavirus (COVID-19) within the remaining days.
- if the test result is positive, you should inform us immediately and your child should isolate for at least 10 days from the onset of their symptoms (which could mean the self-isolation ends before or after the original 14-day isolation period). Their household should self-isolate for at least 14 days from when the symptomatic person first had symptoms, following [guidance for households with possible or confirmed coronavirus \(COVID-19\) infection](#).

If your child is absent from school due to COVID-19, they will be provided with work to complete at home.

It is important that if your child has any symptoms of coronavirus, they do not attend school as this is a potential risk to others. If your child exhibits any coronavirus symptoms while at school, they will be sent

home. It is important you follow the latest government guidance. Failure to follow the guidance puts other people at risk and could result in you receiving a fine.

When should I stay at home?

The government have produced stay at home guidance to explain when you should stay at home. You can read this by [clicking here](#).

How do I get a test?

If you need to access a test, you need to follow the [guidance here](#). There is also a link on our Coronavirus page on our website.

Where can I get more advice?

On our website, we have set up a Coronavirus page. Here, you will find links that explain the answers to the most commonly asked questions. We have also added links so that you are able to access the guidance in the following languages: Arabic, Bengali, Chinese – traditional, Chinese – simplified, French, Gujarati, Polish, Portuguese, Punjabi, Romany, Somali, Turkish and Urdu.

