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Dear Parents and Carers

Thank you for your patience and support in following the start/end of day arrangements. I appreciate that these arrangements may not suit everyone, but we all need to adhere to social distancing guidelines. Therefore to ease congestion, I now ask that at collection time, **year 4** parents follow the one way system around the school and then wait 2m apart between the front of the school building outside the year 4 door and the fence. Only year 4 parents and pupils need to walk down that part of the one-way system to exit at the main gate. Please avoid waiting on the pavement outside as this blocks the access for others.

So far, we have not had a child or member of staff test positive for COVID 19, but I wanted to write and prepare you for what may happen if we do.

[What happens if there is a positive test result?](#)

Once informed of a positive case, we follow the Northamptonshire Schools COVID-19 Notification Process.

### Northamptonshire Schools COVID-19 Notification Process



The school will follow the advice given and communicate this to parents. Depending on the circumstances, a class, a year group or more will be told to self-isolate at home for 14 days. This means your child **must stay at home** and follow these NHS guidelines.

## How to self-isolate

You must not leave your home if you're self-isolating.

### Don't

- ✗ do not go to work, school or public places – work from home if you can
- ✗ do not go on public transport or use taxis
- ✗ do not go out to get food and medicine – order it online or by phone, or ask someone to bring it to your home
- ✗ do not have visitors in your home, including friends and family – except for people providing essential care
- ✗ do not go out to exercise – exercise at home or in your garden, if you have one

If your child is sent home to self-isolate, they **do not** need to have a test. Only if they develop the Coronavirus symptoms should they have a test. Seek medical advice if you are unsure whether to get your child tested.

[If my child has been told by school to self-isolate, how does that affect their siblings or other members of the household they live with.](#)

Siblings in a different year group do not need to self-isolate because they have not been in direct contact with the infected 'bubble', and other family/household members may still go to work.

[How will my child access school work if they are sent home to self-isolate?](#)

For any class sent home, the teacher will be holding a virtual register every morning (9:00am) and afternoon (1:30pm) via ZOOM and attendance is compulsory. This not only ensures the teacher can explain the work being set on their DB Primary class page, but also acts as a safeguarding precaution. If a child has not logged onto ZOOM for registration, the school will contact parents as a normal welfare check and to offer support. If your child is unwell, please report this on the school's absence telephone line as normal. The ZOOM link will be sent to you via Parentmail. Please make sure you have access to a device that connects to the internet. **If not, please talk to the school now so something can be arranged.**

In preparation, I would ask parents to check they have their child's log on details for DB Primary and any other on-line learning programs e.g. Doodle Maths. If you are unsure what these are, please ask your child's teacher.

[When should I get my child tested?](#)

Please read the attached letter to parents and guardians from Public Health England, which gives detailed information about when parents should get their child tested for Coronavirus.

If a test is required, please inform the school and confirm this has been done, as well as the result immediately after you receive it, even if it is negative. If you get the result outside school hours please email [ipsadmin@irchester-school.net](mailto:ipsadmin@irchester-school.net) Whilst you are awaiting the outcome from your child's test **everyone** in the household must self-isolate. If your child has to self-isolate because a member of the household is awaiting a test result or has tested positive, then school must be informed and will organise work for them to complete at home.

The best action we can all take to hopefully avoid further disruption to the children's education is to ensure social distancing is adhered to and handwashing is frequent and thorough.

Thank you again for your support; things are working well and we appreciate everyone's efforts to keep our children and families safe.

Kind regards



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Head teacher

