

Dear Parents and Carers,

Unfortunately, Joy, our Reception teacher, has just confirmed that she has tested positive for COVID-19.

This evening, Suffolk County Council have advised us to close the school to all pupils and staff due to the small size of the school and the high transmissibility of this new strain.

We will reopen to key workers and vulnerable children on Tuesday, 19th of January.

Children in key stage one are required to self-isolate from the last day that they were in contact with Joy (likely to be Wednesday 6th or Thursday 7th).

If your child is well at the end of this period they will be able to return to school when we re-open. Other members of your household can continue normal activities provided your child does not develop symptoms within the 10 day self-isolation period.

Please see the link to the PHE Staying at Home Guidance:

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

What to do if your child develops symptoms of COVID 19

If your child develops symptoms arrange for a COVID test. This can be done via <https://www.nhs.uk/ask-for-a-coronavirus-test-or-by-calling-119>.

If their test is negative they must still continue to self-isolate for the 10 day period, regardless of the negative test result.

If their test is positive they will need to self-isolate for **10 days** from the date when their symptoms start. All your household members must self-isolate for 10 days.

The date of symptom onset is day zero.

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General COVID information

Symptoms

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

- recent onset of new continuous cough or
- high temperature 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. If you are concerned about your child's health or the health of anyone else in your house please seek advice from your GP or NHS 111 by phoning 111.

There are things you can do to reduce the risk of getting 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/>

So far, Joy is not feeling too bad, but we are sure you will join us in wishing her all the best.

Yours sincerely,

Duncan and Kelly