

St Bernadette Catholic Primary School Newsletter Friday 18th September 2020



Dear Parents,

Thank you again for your patience whilst we navigate our way through a 'new normal' way of school life. Just to update you, we haven't had any confirmed cases of coronavirus so far within the school. We have had some families who have taken tests, due to having symptoms, which have so far all been negative. I have just compiled a list of updates and changes to try and clarify some new changes within the school. Please contact the school office at parents@stbernadette.hetrs.sch.uk if you have any further questions.

Tests

As you will have heard on the news, tests have been very difficult to obtain. This means the children are delayed at home, whilst waiting for a test and results, before they can safely return to school. Please contact the school if you are having difficulty getting a test and we will do our best to support you with the most up to date information.

Reading books

We are not able to have reading records coming back and forth between home and school, therefore we ask that all reading records are kept at home. Parents can continue to record the children's reading at home and we hope to be able to share this information at a later date. Staff will keep a record of the children's reading in school. All children will be given a book to read at home which will be quarantined for 72 hours once it is returned to school.



Homework

As with reading records, we can no longer have homework books coming back and forth between home and school. Today, the children will all go home with a homework book, we advise that this is quarantined for 72 hours before being used. For children in Year 2 – Year 6, homework will be set on google classroom and children in Reception and Year 1 will use tapestry. Homework can be completed directly on the online platforms, or if this is not possible, it may be completed in the homework book provided. A photo can be uploaded directly to google classroom to show the children's work or it can be emailed into school, so that the teacher can access the work once it is completed. In this way, the homework book does not need to be brought back into school.

Extra-Curricular Clubs

We are not currently offering any lunchtime clubs or after school clubs in school. We are looking into ways that we may be able to offer clubs, whilst keeping the children in their bubbles. We will be in contact as soon as this changes.

Communication with class teachers

In order to safeguard the staff and reduce the number of people they come into contact with every day, there is no longer an opportunity to talk to class teachers at the door. Please send any queries/questions you may have for teachers to parents@stbernadette.herts.sch.uk and these will be forwarded to your child's class teacher.

Playground Equipment

Please can you make sure that no children go on the playground equipment before and after school.

Dogs

Please can I remind all parents that we cannot permit dogs being on the school grounds at pick up and drop off.

Accident Slips

All accident slips will be scanned and emailed home so please check your emails. If your child has a head injury the office will also ring to communicate that with you.



What to do if...	Action Needed	Return to school when...
...my child has any Covid-19 symptoms	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Do not come to school- Contact school to inform us- Self-isolate the whole household. See the image at the end of this document for advice about how long other members of the household should self-isolate- Get your child tested- Communicate with the school about the test result	...the test comes back negative or ...10 days have passed since symptoms began, even if they still have a cough or loss of taste/smell. <i>(These symptoms can last for several weeks.)</i> AND the child feels well.
...my child tests positive for Covid-19.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Do not come to school.- Contact school to inform us.- Agree an earliest date for possible return (minimum of 10 days).- Self-isolate the whole household. See the image at the end of this document for advice about how long members of the household should self-isolate	...10 days have passed since symptoms began, even if they still have a cough or loss of taste/smell. <i>(These symptoms can last for several weeks.)</i> AND the child feels well.
...my child tests negative.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Contact school to inform us.- Discuss when your child can come back (same day/next day).	...the test comes back negative.
...someone in my household has Covid-19 symptoms.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Do not send anyone from your household to school.- Contact school to inform us.- Self-isolate the whole household.- Household member with symptoms to get a test.- Communicate with the school about the test result	...the test comes back negative OR ...see the image at the end of this document for advice about how long members of the household should self-isolate
...someone in my household tests positive for Covid-19.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Do not send anyone from your household to school.- Contact school to inform us.- Agree an earliest date for possible return.- Self-isolate the whole household.	...see the image at the end of this document for advice about how long members of the household should self-isolate

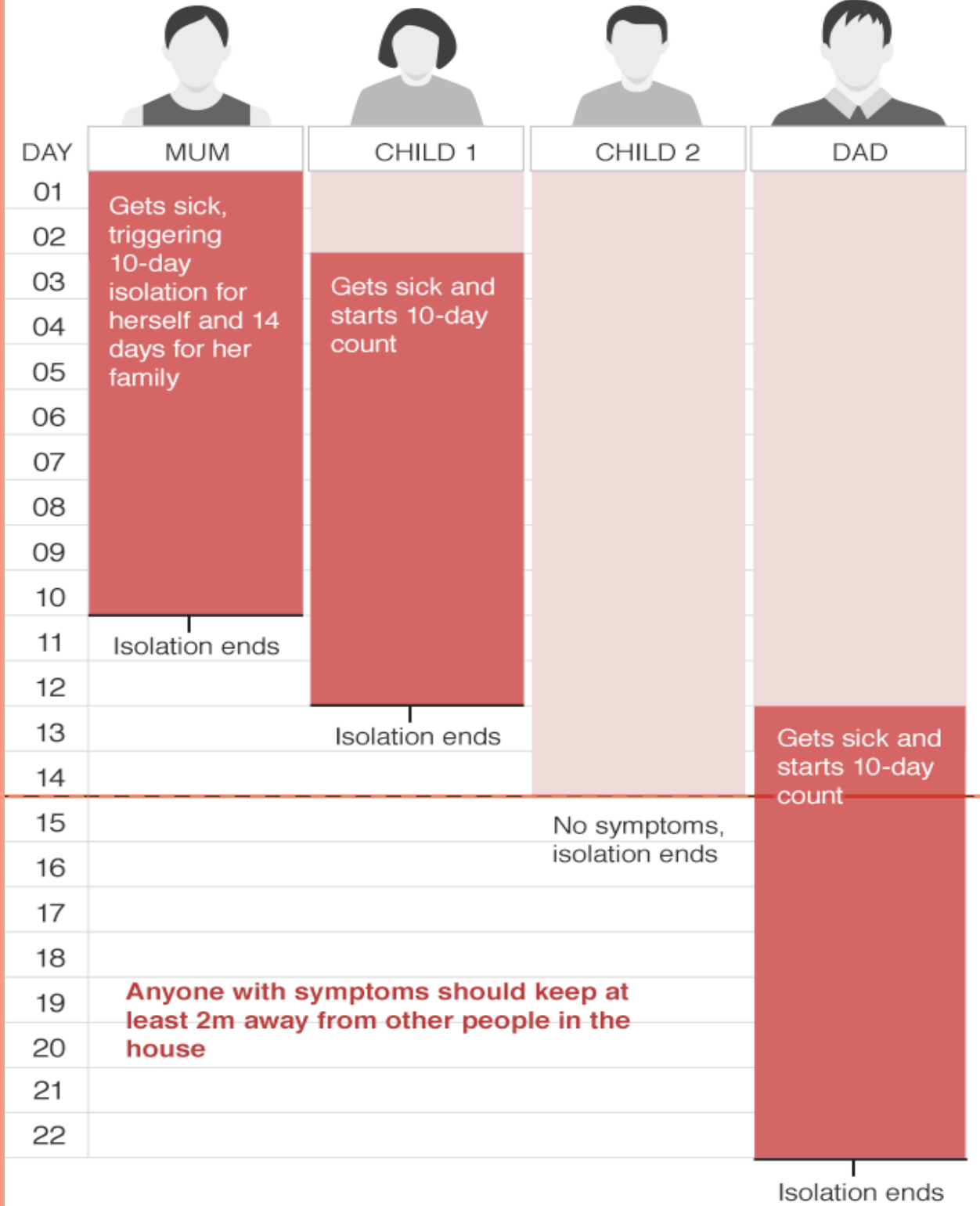


<p>...NHS test and trace has identified my child as a close contact of somebody with confirmed Covid-19.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Do not send the child who has had direct contact to school. - Contact school to inform us. - Agree an earliest date for possible return (minimum of 14 days). - Any other children in your household, who have not had direct contact, can come to school. 	<p>...the child who has had direct contact has completed 14 days of isolation</p>
<p>...NHS test and trace has identified a household member (other than my child) as a close contact of somebody with symptoms or confirmed Covid-19.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The household member must self-isolate for 14 days. - Child can continue to attend school. 	<p>...child can continue to attend school</p>
<p>... a sibling attending another school has been sent home to self-isolate due to there being a positive case in their school.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Sibling at other school must self-isolate for 14 days. - Child at St. Bernadette can continue to attend. 	<p>...child at St. Bernadette's can continue to attend school</p>
<p>... my child has travelled abroad from a country or territory that is NOT on the exempt list of countries.</p>	<p>If returning from a destination where quarantine is needed*:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - minimum of 14 days self-isolation for all those who travelled. - contact school to inform us you are back in the country and we will agree an earliest date for possible return to school. - Self-isolate the whole household. <p><u>*Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office (FCDO)</u> – for up to date travel information</p>	<p>...the quarantine period of 14 days has been completed.</p>



<p>... my child has travelled abroad from a country or territory that IS on the exempt list of countries.</p>	<p>If returning from a destination where quarantine is NOT needed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Check the current Exempt countries and territories list to confirm the country you have travelled from or through is on the exempt list. - Ring school to inform us you have returned to the UK and agree a return date to school. 	<p>... you have informed the office of your return to the UK</p>
<p>...I have travelled from a country that requires us to quarantine (but my child didn't travel).</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - As long as you do not have / have not had symptoms in the last 14 days, your child can continue to attend school. - The person who has travelled MUST NOT leave the house, including to do pick-ups and drop offs (<i>please contact school if you need support getting your child to school</i>). 	<p>...child can continue to attend school</p>
<p>...we have received medical advice that my child must shield.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Do not come to school. - Contact school to inform us. - Shield until you are informed that restrictions are lifted and shielding is paused again. 	<p>...school inform you that restrictions have been lifted and your child can return to school again.</p> <p>...you receive medical advice that your child may return to school.</p>
<p>...my child's year group bubble is closed due to a Covid-19 outbreak in school.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Child must not come to school. - Support your child at home with remote education provided. - Your child will need to self-isolate for 14 days. - Other siblings, in other year groups, may continue to attend school. 	<p>...school inform you that the year group bubble will be reopened.</p>
<p>... I am unable to get a test for someone in the household who has symptoms</p>	<p>If you are not able to get a test, your child and anyone they live with must stay at home and self-isolate for 14 days.</p> <p>Anyone in your support bubble must also stay at home.</p>	<p>...the child has completed 14 days of isolation.</p>

What happens if someone in your family gets sick?



People may be able to pass on coronavirus without showing any symptoms