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FOR PARENT CARERS OF CHADSGROVE SCHOOL – SCHOOL CLOSURE

Dear Parent Carer

We are writing to inform you that your child will need to access remote learning rather than attending school from Monday 7th December until Thursday 17th December inclusive.

We have been informed by Public Health England Local Health Protection Team that there has been a number of confirmed cases of COVID-19 within the school, as identified by NHS Test and Trace. All members of staff and pupils who have been identified as a close contact with the affected individuals have been identified, and written to under a separate letter advising that they **must** stay at home and self-isolate, as required by the Public Health, England, The Health Protection (Coronavirus, Restrictions) (Self-Isolation) (England) Regulations 2020.

If you have not had a separate letter advising that your child needs to self-isolate, there is no need for them to self-isolate. However due to the complex health needs and vulnerability of many of the pupils at Chadsgrove, the decision has been made to close the school in order to prevent further spread.

The action we must take is for all pupils to stay home from school and access remote learning from Monday 7th December until Thursday 17th December inclusive. It is expected that the school will re-open on Friday 18th December 2020. All pupils who are well and who have not been advised by the Headteacher to self-isolate are able to return on this date. This date is set by Public Health England Local Health Protection Team.

Class teachers will be in touch on Monday 7th December to let you know how remote learning will be taking place with your child.

What to do if your child or anyone in your household develops symptoms of COVID-19

If you, your child or anyone in your household develops any symptoms of COVID-19 they should remain at home and self-isolate for at least 10 days from the date when their symptoms started.

Anyone with symptoms will be eligible for testing and this should be arranged via

<https://www.nhs.uk/ask-for-a-coronavirus-test> or by calling 119.

All other household members, even if well, must also stay at home and not leave the house for 14 days. The 14-day period starts from the day when the first person in the house became ill. Household members staying at home for 14 days will greatly reduce the amount of infection the household could pass on to others in the community.

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)

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:

Do

- 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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