



# The Federation of The Downs & Northbourne Church of England Primary Schools



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*"if you have faith as small as a mustard seed...nothing will be impossible."*

*(Matthew: 17 v20)*

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Dear parent/carer

During the last lockdown it was very clear what everyone had to do – everyone stayed at home; this time it is not as clear due to families still undertaking the school run BUT we are still in a national lockdown and outside of the school run, everyone should stay at home and only mix with their household.

The guidance states:

### **Stay at Home** – you may only leave

- to take your child to and from school
- attend work if you cannot work from home
- medical reasons
- shopping

### **Staying safe outside the home**

When outside the home, keep two metres apart from other people who are not in your household.

Wear a face covering when social distancing may not be possible, and when in contact with people you do not normally meet.

### **Meeting with family and friends**

You must not meet socially indoors with family or friends unless they are part of your household

### **Travel**

You should avoid travelling in or out of your local area and only travel for the reasons for leaving your home as listed above. You are encouraged to walk or cycle where possible. Overnight stays away from your own home, with people outside of your household, are not permitted.

### **How do these national lockdown restrictions (5<sup>th</sup> November- 2nd December) apply when my child is still attending school?**

The restrictions listed above mean that:

- When on the school run and on school grounds – be respectful of other families and staff and keep your distance. Even with families that you know well, and your children might normally mix, there should be no mixing/playing before or after school at this time.



- This is especially true of children in years 5 and 6 who may be walking to and from school without an adult – they should be heading straight to school, or home, with no plans to meet friends in the park or at each other’s houses.
- Families should avoid car sharing, especially when a number of different households/classes are involved.
- At this time, there should be no play dates, sleepovers or parties with people who do not live in your household.

No one wants the lockdown restrictions to be extended, nor do we wish for schools to be closed. We all need to work together to keep each other safe and well. Please take heed of the current restrictions during the week and at weekends.

### **When should I keep my child off school?**

If your child has a temperature, new continuous cough or lost taste or sense of smell – you must keep them off school and book a COVID test for your child. If it is a positive result, your child must stay off school; if it is negative and they are well enough, they can come back to school.

If a member of the household has the symptoms listed above – all members of the household stay at home until the person displaying symptoms has had a test. If it is a positive result, your child must stay off school and self-isolate; if it is negative they can come back to school.

See the attached flow diagram summarizing this.

### **What to do if your child has a positive coronavirus test result**

Inform the school straightaway – you may get test results out of school hours, if this is the case please phone 07756807060. Please note this number is only for reporting a positive test result out of school hours (evenings/weekends/holidays). At all other times continue to phone the school office.

Avoid sharing information on facebook/social media until -

- You have informed the school
- School have taken advice from Public Health England (PHE)
- School have informed parents as to the action being taken

This is to avoid unnecessary anxiety and school phone lines being kept busy by parents phoning in with their concerns and therefore preventing school from contacting PHE.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

Miss T Leighton  
Headteacher



# COVID SYMPTOMS AT HOME FLOW CHART

