



# 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)*

## **The Downs CEP School**

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Dear Parents and Carers,

### **Immediate and complete closure of The Downs CEP School**

It is with regret that we are writing to inform you that the school will close today (2<sup>nd</sup> February 2021) until Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2021.

Children who have spaces in our lockdown provision may attend from Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2021. This will be subject to a review of COVID -19 cases on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> February.

This decision has been made in consultation with PHE Kent following four confirmed cases of COVID -19 within the school.

Children who have been directly affected by this outbreak have been contacted and asked to isolate in accordance with the national guidelines.

### **What to do if your child develops symptoms of COVID 19**

If your child develops symptoms of COVID-19, they must not come to school and should remain at home for at least 10 days from the date when their symptoms appeared. Anyone with symptoms will be eligible for testing and this can be arranged via <https://www.nhs.uk/ask-for-a-coronavirus-test> or by calling 119. All other household members who remain well, must stay at home and not leave the house for 10 days. This includes anyone in your 'Support Bubble'.

Further information is available at: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stayat-home-guidance-for-households-with-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection> The 10-day period starts from the day when the first person in the house became ill. Household members should not go to work, school or public areas and exercise should be taken within the home. If you require help with buying groceries, other shopping or picking up medication, or walking a dog, you should ask friends or family. Alternatively, you can order your shopping online and medication by phone or online.



Household members staying at home for 10 days will greatly reduce the overall amount of infection the household could pass on to others in the community. If you are able, move any vulnerable individuals (such as the elderly and those with underlying health conditions) out of your home, to stay with friends or family for the duration of the home isolation period.

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

- a new continuous cough
- a high temperature
- a loss of, or change in, your normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia)

For most people, coronavirus (COVID-19) will be a mild illness.

If your child or anyone in the household does develop symptoms, you can seek advice from NHS 111 at <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/checkif-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

- 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

**If your child receives a positive COVID – 19 test result please text 07756807060 to report this.**

### Remote learning

Our provision for remote learning will continue at this time. All children should access this via the school website.

Our teachers will continue providing remote feedback via Purple Mash.

Children should continue with daily reading and times tables/number facts.

Although this is disappointing for us all we must take immediate action to break the chain of infection and stop the spread of COVID – 19 within our school and community.

Thank you for your understanding and support at this time.

Yours sincerely

Miss T Leighton  
Headteacher

