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Dear Parents and Carers,

We have been made aware of a member of staff within school who has tested positive for COVID 19.

We know that you may find this concerning but we are continuing to monitor the situation and are working closely with Public Health England, the DfE, Local Authority and Governors.

As a result we have made the decision to close Worth Primary School until Monday 7th December.

This is a very difficult decision for us to make but due to the size and space of the school we are operating as one bubble. This is in-line with the school's risk assessment for Covid-19.

This letter is to inform you of the current situation and provide advice on how to support your child. Please be reassured that for most people, coronavirus (COVID-19) will be a mild illness.

All staff and children who have been in close contact with the individual who has tested positive for coronavirus (COVID-19) must stay at home for 14 days.

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 14 days. This includes anyone in your 'Support Bubble'.

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

Remote learning is set up and ready to access as of today. Please go to Purple Mash via our school website: <https://worthprimary.co.uk/remote-and-lockdown-learning/>

The 14-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 14 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 does develop symptoms, you can seek advice from the nhs.uk website at <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/check-if-you-have-coronavirus-symptoms/>

If you are concerned about your child's symptoms, or they are worsening you can seek advice from NHS 111 at <https://111.nhs.uk/> 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 COVID19. 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/>

If you need to contact us please email Mrs Chance at headteacher@worth.kent.sch.uk or Ms Mayes at secretary@worth.kent.sch.uk

Kindest regards and stay safe,

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Head of School