

Bishop Stopford's School

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Dear Parent/Carers,

We have been advised by Public Health England that there have been a further four positive confirmed cases of COVID-19 within the school. Three of those are within the teaching staff and one student.

In addition to those members of staff isolating as a result of a positive test we also now have a significant number of staff isolating as a result of 'close contact' to positive cases both inside and outside of school. **Unfortunately due to a combination of factors we will need to close for Year 8 and Year 9 students for the rest of this week.** The decision has not been taken lightly, but has been made to ensure the safety of students and staff. Year 8 and Year 9 will in the meantime move to remote learning and a further letter will be issued by your child's Head of Year outlining how we will proceed and how your child will continue to access education from home. All being well, Year 8 and Year 9 will return to school on Monday 23rd November 2020.

The school will remain open to Years 7, 10, 11 and the Sixth Form. If Sixth Formers are taught by a member of staff who is well, but self-isolating their lesson will also be moved to remote learning, but they should attend school for all other lessons. Individual letters for those Sixth Formers affected will follow.

We are continuing to monitor the situation and are working closely with Public Health England. 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.

Those who have been in close contact with the individual who has tested positive for coronavirus (COVID-19) have been contacted and told they must stay at home for 14 days.

The school remains open and providing your child remains well they can continue to attend school as normal. We will keep this under review.

What to do if your child develops symptoms of COVID 19

If your child develops symptoms of COVID-19, they should remain at home for at least 10 days from the date when their symptoms appeared.

All other household members who remain well must 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 should not go to work, school or public areas and exercise should be taken within the home.

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.

Symptoms

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

- new continuous cough and/or
- high temperature
- a loss of, or change in, 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/symptoms/> or by phoning 111.

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.

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 Further information is available at:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-to-educational-settings-about-covid-19>

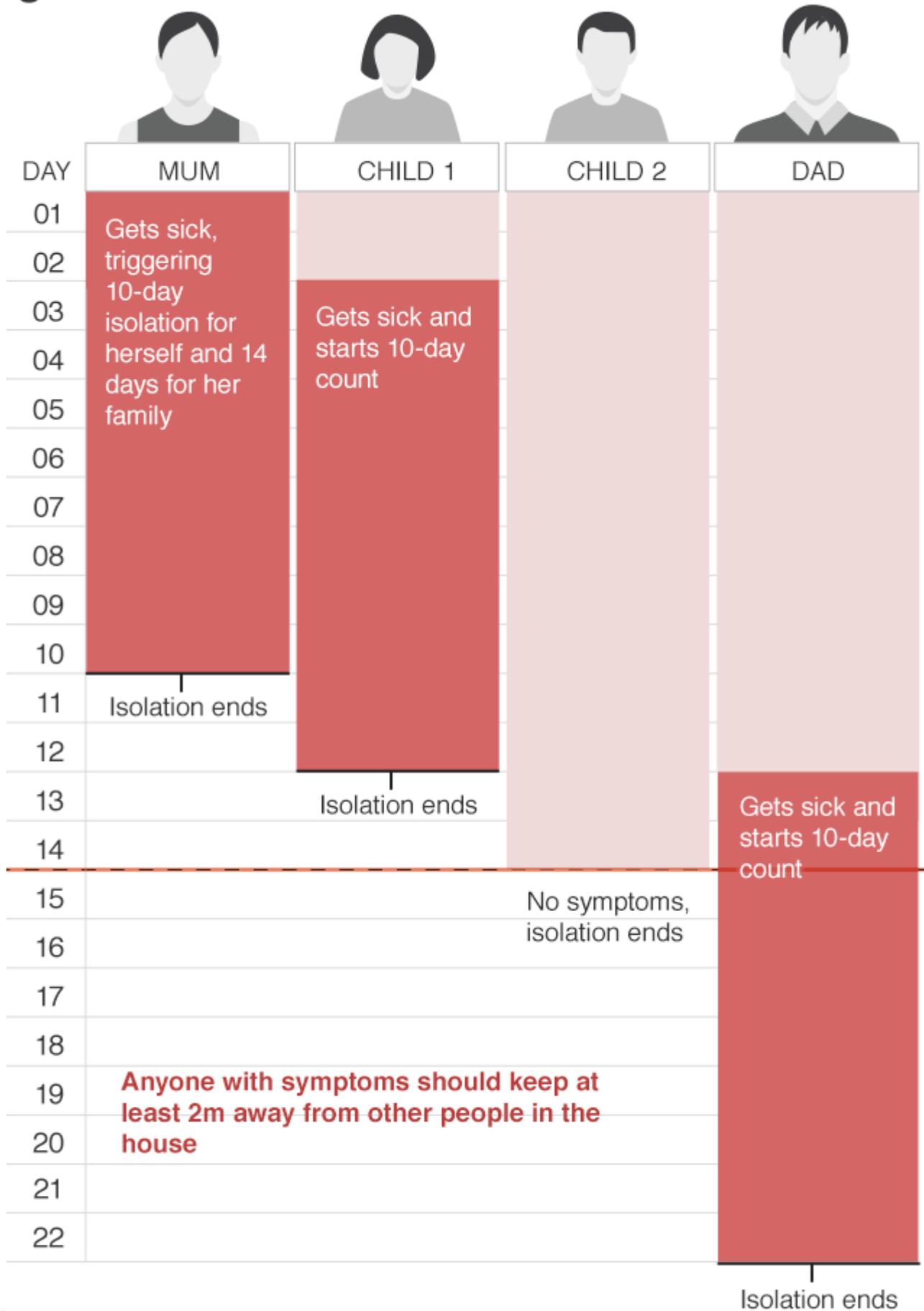
Yours faithfully,



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What happens if someone in your family gets sick?



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

Source: Public Health England advice

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