



Bishop Stopford's School

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Dear Year 10 Parent/Carers,

As you will be aware from previous correspondence this week, we have had a number of positive cases within our school community. As a result of this and the significant additional number of staff who are self-isolating for 14 days, as per Government guidance, we are unable to run the school as normal due to staffing constraints. I have decided therefore **to close the school for Year 10 from Monday 30th November 2020 until Friday 4th December 2020 inclusive. I may need to extend this period further if we experience further staff absence, but I will endeavour to get Year 10 students back into school as soon as possible and before fourteen days have expired; this is in keeping with Government guidance.** I know that Year 10 students and parents will be disappointed with this news. The decision has not been taken lightly, but has been made to ensure the safety of students and staff. Whilst working at home, Year 10 will continue to learn remotely 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. **Year 10 should return as normal on Monday 7th December 2020.**

In the interim please see additional guidance below:

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>

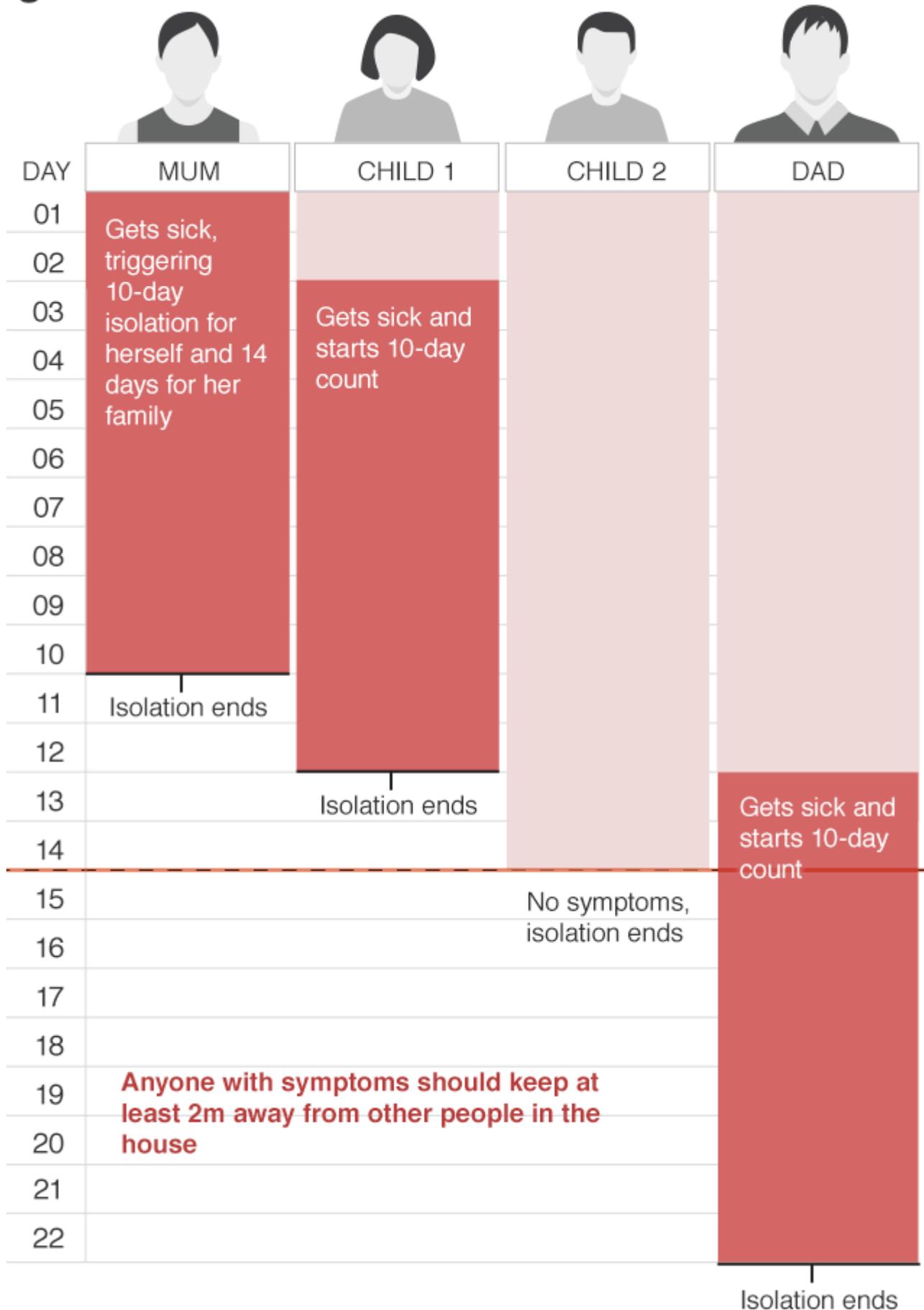
Yours faithfully,



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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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