



The Violet Way  
Academy  
and Nursery

Monday 29<sup>th</sup> June 2020

Dear parents and carers,

We hope that you are all keeping well.

Today, we have had a confirmed case of Covid-19 which has led to a bubble being closed in line with our Risk Assessment. The bubble will self-isolate for fourteen days as a result of this to reduce risk of infection. All schools have set up bubbles so that children are kept in groups of 15 or less in order that minimum contact with other children and staff takes place. Therefore, when schools have confirmed cases processes are in place to minimise the impact of this more widely.

Information in green italic below refers to the specific processes within our Risk Assessment when we receive confirmation of a positive case of Covid-19:

Where the child, young person or staff member tests positive, the rest of their class or group within their childcare or education setting should be sent home and advised to self-isolate for 14 days.

We have followed the protocols within our Risk Assessment and have taken advice from and informed Public Health England, the Local Authority and the Fierté Trust.

The remaining bubbles stay open to the children who are in school. We understand that a confirmed case in school may cause anxiety for yourselves as parents, this is completely understandable, but everything remains in place to reduce risk as far as is possible including the bubble system of grouping children. A reminder that our Risk Assessment is on the school website should you wish to re-read this for reassurance of the measures in place at our school.

In addition to this, the measures within our Risk Assessment continue which have all been established to minimise the risks as far as possible.

Within school we continue to apply the SAGE modelling, which means that the following hierarchy of controls are in place to help prevent the spread of COVID-19 as set out below:

- Controlling the transmission of the disease: minimising contact with children and adults who are unwell by ensuring that those who have coronavirus symptoms, or who have someone in their household who does, do not attend school.
- Management and control through personal hygiene: cleaning hands more often than usual - wash hands thoroughly for 20 seconds with running water and soap and dry them thoroughly or use alcohol hand rub or sanitiser ensuring that all parts of the hands are covered.
- Ensuring good respiratory hygiene: promoting the 'catch it, bin it, kill it' approach
- Enhanced cleaning regimes: cleaning frequently touched surfaces often using standard products, such as detergents and bleach.
- Minimising contact and mixing: altering, as much as possible, the environment (such as classroom layout) and timetables (such as staggered break times).

We will be here to teach the children tomorrow and ask that you continue to support us with the following measures, which supports the Risk Assessment we have in school (as outlined in the letter which was shared with you prior to your child returning to school). This includes:

- *Queuing at 2 metre distance when bringing and collecting your child to and from school along the marked pathways.*
- *Not sending items in to school with your child/children.*
- *Ensuring that children wear clean clothes each day.*
- *Changing bath/shower routines so that children complete this on returning home from school and change in to their home clothes and shoes.*
- *Checking the health of your child each morning and not sending them in to school if they are un-well.*
- *Informing us if your child is unwell.*

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As always, please continue to monitor your child on a daily basis for symptoms and do not send them in to school if they are demonstrating any of the following:

The main symptoms of coronavirus are:

- high temperature – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)
- new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- loss or change to your sense of smell or taste – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

Most people with coronavirus have at least one of these symptoms.

The following websites include the government guidance should you wish to refer to these also:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms/>

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

If you have any other questions or queries, please do not hesitate to contact myself at school.

Many thanks

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