



Friday, 13 March 2020

Dear Parents and Carers of Wingrave Pre-School and Wingrave CE School

You may now be aware that a family in Wingrave have self-isolated following advice from Stoke Mandeville Hospital. This is as a result of one of their children experiencing a very high fever and being tested for Coronavirus as a precaution. This is a child who attends the school but has siblings at both the school and pre-school.

Advice sought today from Public Health England and Bucks County Council have reinforced all information circulated so far to say that no further precautions are necessary while we wait to hear the outcome of this suspected case. We hope to hear of the outcome within 4 to 5 days and will keep you informed.

Following revised guidance from the Government yesterday, we want to highlight the following:

- We will continue to remind the children about basic hygiene including handwashing and the use of the disinfectant hand-gel provided.
- Families should be aware of new symptoms of high fevers (37.8 degrees or above) or persistent coughs and call NHS 111 with any concerns.
- Only people experiencing specific symptoms need to self-isolate even if living or working in proximity to someone else with symptoms.
- Self-isolation for those individuals should be maintained for 7 days with specific guidance available here <u>https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-people-with-confirmed-orpossible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection.</u>
- The pre-school will now follow the school's model of dismissing children outside the building to reduce unnecessary foot traffic.
- If the pre-school or school identify symptoms in children while in our care, we will ask for those children to be collected as soon as possible in order for them to be self-isolated as a precaution.
- Before and after-school care arrangements, in association with the pre-school and 'Simply Out of School', will continue to operate as normal within our procedures.

Ultimately, we want to maintain a normal routine for as long as possible so that we can reassure the children, continue their learning effectively and support parents with their commitments. We are very aware that this pandemic could impact us for several months

"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." Philippians 4:13

and therefore no changes will be made lightly and will, above all, be sustainable and in proportion to our circumstances.

There are no plans at this time to cancel any trips or events and we will proceed as normal – we do not wish to appear alarmist but equally we will not take any unnecessary risks. Unless directed by the authorities, our provision would only close if, due to illness, we were unable to provide staff to appropriately supervise the children in our care.

Any further developments will be considered in collaboration and on an individual basis in line with the official guidance we continue to receive but, if you have any specific questions, please do refer to <a href="https://www.gov.uk/government/topical-events/coronavirus-covid-19-uk-government-response">https://www.gov.uk/government/topical-events/coronavirus-covid-19-uk-government-response</a> or contact us in pre-school or school.

Thank you all for your patience and understanding at this time of uncertainty.

Yours sincerely

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