



Good afternoon

Thank you for your patience and your support with our new routines to be as safe as we can during this pandemic. As you will be aware the numbers of cases in the community are rising and our Covid-19 secure processes need everyone to abide by them to help keep each other safe.

Please continue to arrive at the correct gate promptly to collect and drop off your child. I am aware that for some of you this may require moving between several gates, however if everyone arrives and leaves promptly then we can have smooth transitions. If you do need to wait until a later time, then I would ask that you move away from the site (perhaps go for a short walk with your child around the 'block') to help prevent congestion. Please also ensure that you socially distance from each other at all times to prevent the potential spread of the virus. Remember that you may be able to pass on coronavirus without showing any symptoms. Our staggered start and end of the day times is to ensure we move children into and out of school safely from their respective 'bubble'. We want all children to be in school each day, and to enjoy their learning within their classes with their friends.

We would like to remind you of the protocol for anyone with Covid related symptoms. The current advice states that if you or your child has **any** of the current Covid symptoms, then immediately seek to get a test. The vast majority of results are returned within 24 to 48 hours. Once the test has been administered, **ALL** members of the household should self-isolate until the results are returned, usually within 48 hours. This means brothers and sisters will have to stay at home too during this time.

If the test result is positive, then the family needs to continue to self-isolate for 14 days from when the symptoms were first displayed by the person in the household. If any other member of the household develops symptoms during this isolation period, then they should restart a 10 day isolation period from the day they developed symptoms.

I feel it important to warn our families that we may need to have to close 'bubbles' if we receive notification of positive results or subsequent staffing issues. As we are also now entering into the time of year where colds and flu like symptoms become more prevalent this poses even further issues. We will follow the Health Protection Team and Public Health England advice regarding any potential outbreak and contact you accordingly. This is something you need to consider for yourself and your work. These considerations are a challenge for us all, and make running the school significantly more difficult. I can assure you that closing classes will not be undertaken lightly, but with due consideration for the health and well-being of our school community.

What to do if you have symptoms:

1. Get a test to check if you have coronavirus as soon as is possible. To do this visit the NHS website or call **119**

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/testing-and-tracing/get-a-test-to-check-if-you-have-coronavirus/>

2. Stay at home and do not have visitors until you get the test result-only leave home to get the test. In an emergency call 999.
3. Anyone who also lives with you must also stay at home until you get your result.
4. Depending on the result follow the isolation guidelines. See below.

Yours sincerely,

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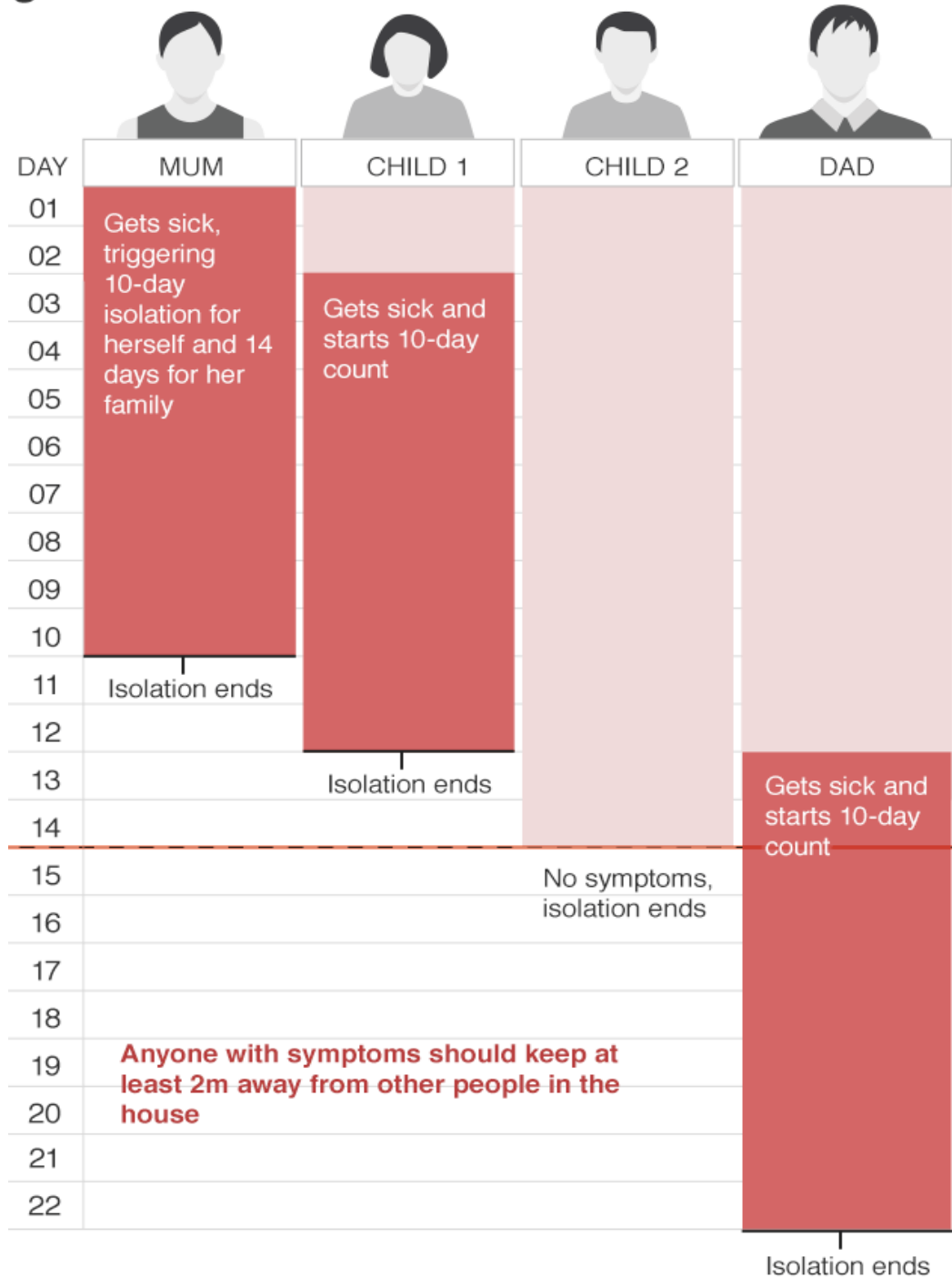
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What happens if someone in your family gets sick?



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

Source: Public Health England advice



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