



Eastbury Community School

Hulse Avenue | Barking | Essex | IG11 9UW

Telephone: 020 8507 4500 | Fax: 020 8507 4501 | Web: www.eastburyschool.co.uk

Executive Headteacher: Mr David Dickson, BSc (Hons), MA, NPQH
headteacher@eastbury.bardaglea.org.uk

Primary School

Head of Primary: Ms Aisha Raymond
ped@eastbury.bardaglea.org.uk
Tel: 020 8507 4612

Secondary School

Head of Secondary: Ms Sharon Collins
office@eastbury.bardaglea.org.uk
Tel: 020 8507 4500

Sixth Form

Head of Sixth Form: Mr Dominic Simpson
office@eastbury.bardaglea.org.uk
Tel: 020 8507 4595

SC/sb

16th November 2020

Advice to All Parents/Carers

Dear Parents,

We have been made aware of that more than one member of our school community have tested positive for COVID 19.

We know that you may find this concerning but 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.

The small number of young people who have been in close contact with the individual(s) who have tested positive for coronavirus (COVID-19) have received a letter informing them that their child must stay at home for the prescribed number of days.

The school remains open and your child should continue to attend as normal if they remain well.

What to do if your child develops symptoms of COVID 19

If your child develops symptoms of COVID-19, they must not come to school and should remain at home for at least **10 days** from the date when their symptoms appeared. Anyone with symptoms will be eligible for testing and this can be arranged via <https://www.nhs.uk/ask-for-a-coronavirus-test> or by calling 119. If your son/daughter does test positive for COVID 19, can you please ensure that you inform the school, this will allow us to take the necessary precautionary measures.

All other household members who remain well must stay at home and not leave the house for 14 days. This includes anyone in your 'Support Bubble'.

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

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.

If you require help with buying groceries, other shopping or picking up medication, or walking a dog, you should ask friends or family. Alternatively, you can order your shopping online and medication by phone or online.



Artsmark
Platinum Award
Awarded by Arts
Council England



Partner school



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

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.

Symptoms

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

- a new continuous cough
- a high temperature
- a loss of, or change in, your normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia)

For most people, coronavirus (COVID-19) will be a mild illness.

If your child does develop symptoms, you can seek advice from the nhs.uk website at <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/check-if-you-have-coronavirus-symptoms/>. If you are concerned about your child's symptoms, or they are worsening you can seek advice from NHS 111 at <https://111.nhs.uk/> or by phoning 111.

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 is available at <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

In line with the new lockdown restrictions that came into effect 5th November 2020- can you please remind your son/daughter not to congregate with other young people on the journey to and from school and to go straight home when school finishes. Can you also remind them that they must wear a facemask in all communal areas in school, as well as on public transport, shops, etc.

Yours sincerely
Sharon Collins
Head of Secondary