



Frequently Asked Questions

The questions below have been sent in by parents; we hope you will find the answers helpful.

How many cases have been confirmed?	As of Monday 21 September we have identified 1 member of staff who has tested positive for COVID-19.
Which year groups are affected?	We have advised all of our Nursery children to self-isolate, because they have been in close contact with a staff member who has tested positive for COVID-19.
Has the Nursery been cleaned?	Yes, all areas of the Nursery are being deep cleaned this week and a comprehensive cleaning regime throughout the day is in place.
Why did the Nursery close if it only affects a small number of pupils and staff?	The Nursery closed as a precautionary measure to allow deep cleaning to take place and to aid track and trace procedures.
How do I know if my son/daughter has come into contact with an infected person?	The track and trace system is designed to identify those pupils and staff who may have come into contact with an infected person. These people are then contacted and in the case of pupils, parents are notified.
If we have been in contact with a parent/child that has been asked to self-isolate by the Nursery, are we also required to self-isolate and then track those we have subsequently been in contact with?	No, this would be considered to be a secondary contact. The advice from PHE with regard to self-isolation is only for those who have had direct contact. However, if you develop symptoms you should self-isolate along with your household and let us know.
Will there be a provision for the children of Key Workers during any periods when the Nursery is closed?	No, our entire Nursery has been closed as a precautionary measure.
Do any of the infected pupils have siblings in other years?	Currently, we have no known cases of infected pupils. In the event that a pupil, who has siblings in other areas of the school, presents with a confirmed case, they will also be asked to self-isolate.
Will it be better to keep the children home a bit longer until this episode is over?	Unless contacted by the Nursery there should be no need to keep pupils at home longer than advised.
If those who have been asked to self-isolate get tested and the result is negative are they	Unfortunately not; PHE have been very clear that the 14 days isolation period is mandatory regardless of a negative test.

allowed back to School before the 14 days are up?	
Can you confirm more details of the infected person?	As you might expect, we are not able to release any specific details of anyone who tests positive for COVID-19 in order to respect their privacy. As explained above the track and trace system will identify with whom this person has been in contact and they will be required to self-isolate.
If I want to keep my child at home, can I?	We understand your concerns. However, we have taken extensive measures to keep pupils and staff safe at school and we have robust systems in place for dealing with cases as they arise. Therefore, unless your child has been asked to socially isolate or has tested positive, they should be attending school.
If my child comes into contact with someone who has COVID-19, should I place my whole family into self-isolation?	The guidance is clear that it is just your child who will be required to self-isolate unless he/she develops symptoms, in which case your household should self-isolate for 14 days.
Can children wearing masks in school and in classrooms prevent the need for self-isolation?	No; wearing a mask mitigates the risks, but is not a substitute for social distancing.
How often are children asked to wash hands and reminded about, 'Catch it, Bin it, Kill it'?	Following our discussions with PHE, we are confident that the measures we have put in place to keep pupils and staff safe are extensive. However, we continue to review our systems on a daily basis and we welcome feedback from parents on ways that will help us to continue to evolve our risk assessment.
What is the maximum occupancy in any room?	The maximum occupancy varies depending on the size of the room and all settings have been risk assessed. Pupils are always taught in year group bubbles.
Have Public Health England told us to close?	No, we did so as a precaution although PHE subsequently fully supported our decision.
Should assemblies be taking place?	All of our assemblies are currently held online and we will keep this under review as the term unfolds.