



EGGBUCKLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE

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FOR CONTACTS/ PARENTS OF CLOSE CONTACTS OF COVID 19 at Eggbuckland Community College

Advice for child to self-isolate for 14 days

Dear Parent / Carer of a child in our Year 8,

We have been advised by Public Health England that there has been a confirmed case of COVID-19 within our Year 8 bubble.

Isolation advice

Working closely with Public Health and the DfE, we have followed their guidance and as part of the year 8 bubble your child may have been in close contact with the affected person. In line with this guidance, the recommendation is that your child should now stay at home and self-isolate until Sunday 27th September. From Tuesday 15th September, teachers will be preparing live 'on line' lessons that will run throughout the College day. Mr Crawford will be emailing information to each student's account with more details about this.

You are being asked to isolate your year 8 child to further reduce the spread of COVID 19 to others in the community. Students attending Eggbuckland from all other year groups *should attend as normal* and this includes siblings of students from year 8 who also go to Eggbuckland.

If your child is well at the end of the 14 days period of self-isolation, then they can return to usual activities. The return to ECC is schedule for Monday 28th September.

Other members of your household can continue normal activities provided your child does not develop symptoms within the 14 day self-isolation period.

Please see the link to the PHE Staying at Home Guidance

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

What to do if your child develops symptoms of COVID 19

If your child develops symptoms of COVID-19, **you should organise for your child to be tested** via the [NHS online portal](#) or by calling 119. Your household should isolate until you receive the test results giving the all clear.

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Symptoms of COVID 19

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

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

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

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

Flu vaccination

We would like to take this opportunity to remind you and your family to have the flu vaccination if you are eligible for this, especially if you are in a risk group. You can find out about risk groups and whether you are eligible for a flu vaccine at the [NHS Flu vaccine overview](#).

Further information

Further information is available at

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

Yours sincerely

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