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Headteacher/Pennaeth: **Mr. S Rayer**

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Dear Parent/Carer,

Re: Information regarding a confirmed case of COVID-19 at Rogerstone Primary School

Further to our earlier text informing you of a confirmed case of COVID-19 in Reception, in line with guidance from Welsh Government, Environmental Health and Newport City Council all pupils* in reception will need to self-isolate for 10 days, up to and including Sunday December 20th. Your child should not return to school until we re-open in January.

*I have identified 14 children who were not in last Thursday, the day that self-isolation has been calculated from. These children do not need to self-isolate, but will not be able to come into school I'm afraid as all reception staff are self isolating. A separate text will be sent to these individuals.

Your child must self-isolate by staying at home.

Your child should remain home. Do not go to public areas or other people's houses, and do not use public transport or taxis for 10 days or until you have been told that it is safe to do so. Minimise contact with other people in your home and do not invite people to visit your home.

You should monitor your child's symptoms.

The symptoms of COVID-19 are:

- *A new continuous cough and/or*
- *High temperature (37.8oC or above) and/or*
- *Loss of, or change in, normal sense of taste or smell.*

Whilst your child is self-isolating, if they develop symptoms, you can book a test by logging onto <https://www.nhs.uk/ask-for-a-coronavirus-test> or where this is not possible, by calling 119. The test is only effective for those who are experiencing symptoms and needs to be taken in the first 5 days of having symptoms. It only checks if you have coronavirus right now and not if you have already had the virus. A negative test result does not mean you can stop self-isolating for the 10 day required period, as you have been identified as a confirmed contact through the contact tracing process.

To reduce the risk of COVID-19 spreading, there are things that everyone in your family can do to help. These include:

- washing hands with soap and water often – do this for at least 20 seconds
- using hand sanitiser gel if soap and water are not available
- washing hands as soon as they get home



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- covering their mouth and nose with a tissue or sleeve (not their hands) when they cough or sneeze
- putting used tissues in the bin immediately and washing hands afterwards

Further information on symptoms and self-isolation can be found here:
<https://gov.wales/symptoms-and-self-isolation-contact-tracing>

Further information on NHS Wales 'Test, Trace', Protect can be found here:
<https://gov.wales/test-trace-protect-coronavirus>

For general information on COVID-19: <https://gov.wales/protect-yourself-others-coronavirus>

The COVID-19 online symptom checker can tell you if you need medical help and advise you what to do: <https://gov.wales/check-if-you-need-coronavirus-medical-help>

You are aware of all the measures we have put in place to minimise the risk of transmission of COVID-19. I want to reassure you that we will continue to be vigilant and do all we can to provide the safest possible environment for our school community.

Should have any concerns you can contact me by emailing distantlearning@rogerstoneprimary.com Please use this email address if your child develops symptoms and you will be booking a test.

Kind regards,

Steve Rayer
Headteacher

