



12th October 2020

Dear Parents/Carers

There have been a number of queries in school today regarding the recent closure of Tatworth Pre-School for 14 days isolation due to Covid-19.

I contacted County's public health consultant today and they confirmed the information below:
"Only children identified as close contacts of a confirmed case should be self-isolating. All others – including the siblings or children of those identified as close contacts can continue to attend schools as normal."

Advice from PH remains that only **close contacts** of the member of staff who tested positive need to self-isolate, e.g. those in the pre-school and in their own household. Children and staff who have not had close contact with that person do not need to self-isolate. Only the children who are absent from school because they fit the criteria for self-isolation will have an authorised absence code and will be emailed school work to complete at home. The Reception curriculum is on Tapestry.

Additional information:

- The pre-school are working closely with the LA and Public Health and all advice is being followed meticulously.
- The school is in contact with the LA and advice is being followed.

How to stop COVID-19 spreading:

There are things we can all do to help reduce the risk of you 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

I realise this is a sensitive time so please phone or email if you have further questions.

Kind regards

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