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Dear Parent/Carer,

Firstly, a very Happy New Year to you all. The start of this spring term has been totally different from what we would have anticipated and I wanted to write to you in light of the recent Government announcement.

### **Do I have to send my child into school?**

No. The government have indicated that, as long as the school is providing a home learning provision, then you are entitled to keep your child at home until February Half Term when the National Lockdown is expected to be reviewed.

Many parents are choosing to send their child into school and I want to reassure you that there is provision for your child at school, in their usual class, with their usual team. However, this is a personal decision and it is up to you to decide what is best for you and your family. All we ask is that each Friday before 12:00 you email, text or call the school/Parent contact phone to let us know if you will be sending your child in or if they will be kept at home the following week.

If you are planning to keep your child at home you must let us know each Friday if that will still be the case for the following week. You can change your mind but a place will only be available the following week. We cannot accept children returning to school on an ad hoc basis. If you choose to send your child in, they must attend every day for that week unless they are ill. If the child is ill you must let us know as usual.

If somebody in school or on transport tests positive for the virus then you will be notified and your child will have to stay at home for 10 days. Learning resources will be made available for you to use with your child.

### **My Household has Covid symptoms- what should I do?**

You **MUST** let the school know; you **MUST** keep your child at home and arrange a test. If the test comes back negative your child may return to school as long as they are not displaying any symptoms. If you do not want your child to have the test they must stay at home for 10 days. If anyone in the household tests positive then, in accordance with government guidelines, the household should isolate. The picture below outlines how long you should isolate for. Please do





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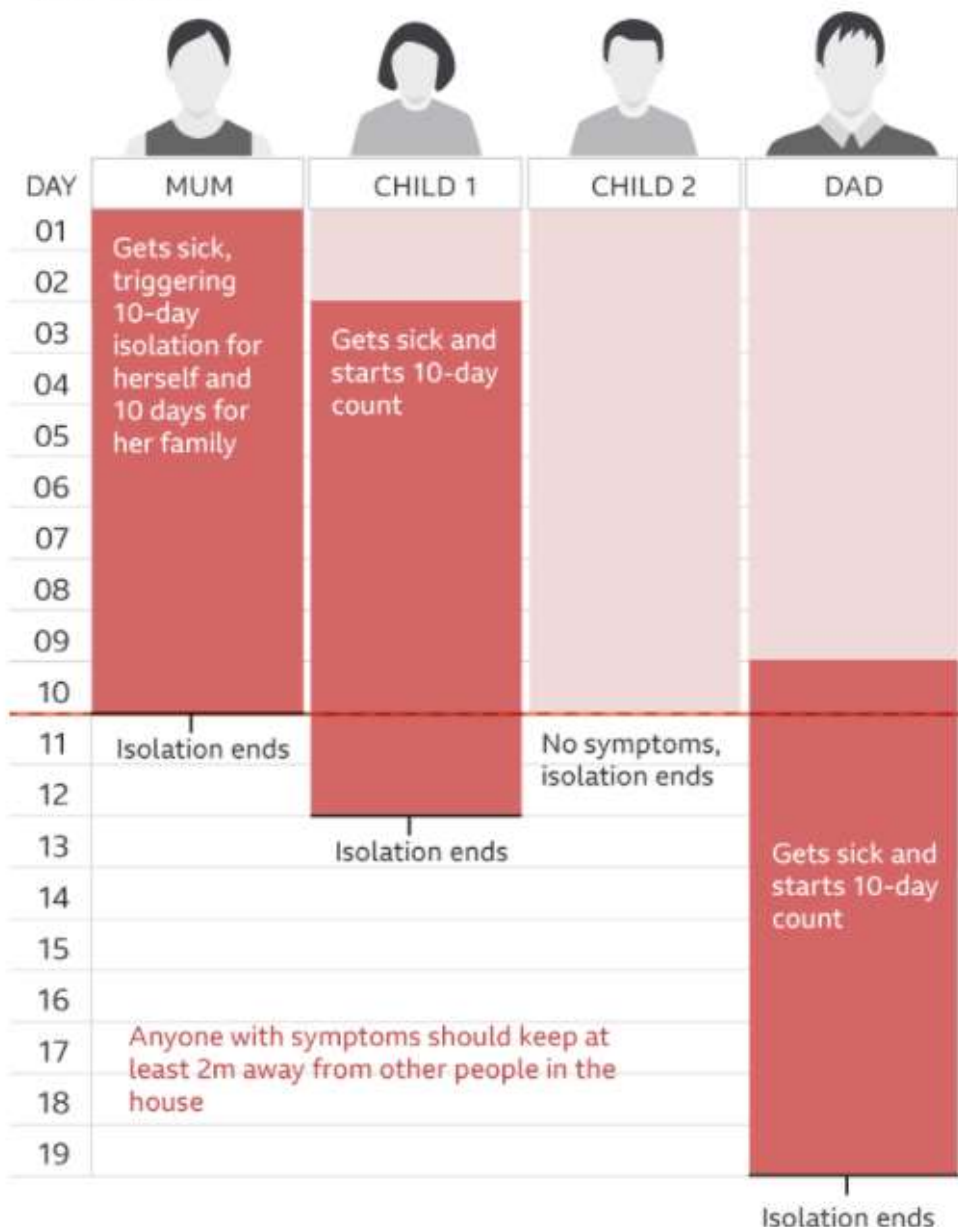
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NOT send your child in if they are ill. Taking their temperature every day would reassure you that one of the COVID symptoms is not present.

You must keep in touch with the school and keep us informed about any key information so that we can keep everyone safe.

### What happens if someone in your family gets sick?\*



People may be able to pass on coronavirus without showing any symptoms

\*In force from 10 December in Wales and 14 December England, Scotland and Northern Ireland



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### **What can I expect from Home Learning if I keep my child at home?**

Brook staff have worked very hard to provide individualised, tailor made learning for your child at home. Resource packs will be sent home, hopefully tomorrow, and will be supported by online resources on the Brook website. There are already many resources on Brook online on the website and the Phonics video is there too for you to use.

Teachers will make contact with you each week on a Monday, Wednesday and Friday. During these contact sessions, the teacher will go through the resources, explore options for engaging your child with the learning resources and answer any particular questions you have.

Online learning videos will support your child's curriculum learning through interactive lessons, stories, songs, music and Makaton.

If you feel you need additional learning support, you are free to contact your class team and discuss this with them. More communication will be sent about Brook Online and Home Learning shortly.

Please also be aware CBBC are broadcasting learning programmes from 9am daily that will cover various curriculum areas. The CBBC channel will have a three-hour block of primary school programmes from 9am. This will include programmes from BBC Live Lessons and BBC Bitesize Daily as well as Our School, Celebrity Supply Teacher, Horrible Histories and Operation Ouch.

We understand that this is a time of great uncertainty and we want to reassure you that we have worked incredibly hard to ensure that the school is as safe as possible for our whole Brook Family.

If there is anything you wish to discuss then please do not hesitate to contact me or a member of the Senior Leadership team.

Wishing that you and your families keep safe and well at this time.

Kind regards,

**Maureen Duncan**  
**Headteacher**

