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Dear Parent/Guardian

Please find below the most recent information regarding COVID-19 and the procedures we will be implementing at BGN should we need to.

What happens if we have a confirmed case of COVID-19 at BGN and my child has been identified as a close proximity contact?

If there is a confirmed case of COVID-19 we will follow the government advice given to us at the time. This will involve identifying the close proximity contacts and may involve sending a number of staff and/or students home to self-isolate for a period of fourteen days. Should this be the case, you will be informed by text in the first instance. This will be followed by an email with all of the information you will need. Your child will need to remain at home and not visit or mix with any other household for a period of fourteen days.

What happens if my child needs to be sent home before the end of the day?

Following guidance, if we have been able to identify close proximity contacts during the early part of the school day, we may need to send students home, rather than them remaining in school until the end of the day. Students who normally take the school bus will need to be collected as they cannot travel on the school bus if they have been in contact with a confirmed COVID-19 case.

Parents will be contacted by text message. Students either need to be collected or, if you are happy for your child to make their own way home, then you need to give your permission. It is therefore important that you check that you are able to receive text messages during the school day. Please discuss these arrangements with your child and ensure they have a door key, if this is required.

To help us gather this information, please can you answer a few short questions relating to how your child/children would get home from school by clicking on the following link. Please note this survey needs to be completed for every child you have in school. The link is: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/Covid19Parents>

What happens if my child has NOT been identified as a close proximity contact of a confirmed case of COVID-19 at BGN?

If you have not received a text message and email informing you your child is required to self-isolate, then you should send your child to school as normal. This is because we are operating a system in school where students remain in their year group bubble and contact between different groups is minimised as far as possible. We will keep the situation under review and inform you of any changes as they arise.

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What should the rest of the household do if my child has been told to self-isolate and they have no symptoms of COVID-19?

The rest of the family can continue going to work/school. It is only the child who has been identified as a confirmed contact with a positive case in school who needs to self-isolate. If the child or someone else in the household develops symptoms, then they should seek an immediate test and the household should follow the Government guidelines. Please see the attached Information Sheet.

What to do if your child develops symptoms of COVID-19

If your child develops symptoms of COVID-19, they should remain at home for at least ten days from the date when their symptoms appeared. Anyone with symptoms will be eligible for testing and a test should be arranged immediately by booking online through the NHS website, or ordered by telephone via NHS 119. Essential workers, in education, healthcare or childcare, have priority access to testing.

If your child tests positive, all other household members must isolate at home and not leave the house for fourteen days. The fourteen day period starts from the day when the first person in the house displayed symptoms. Again please see the attached Information Sheet.

Please telephone the school absence line in the normal way and inform us of the test date and result.

Symptoms

The most important symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) are recent onset of any of the following:-

- A new continuous cough
- A high temperature
- A loss of, or change in, your normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia)

How will my child access home learning during their period of self-isolation?

There is a general folder on the VLE, under BGN Areas called 'Self-Isolation'. This will have topic work for each subject area and year group. If it becomes necessary for an entire year group to self-isolate for fourteen days, then students should log-on to the VLE every day. They will follow their timetabled lessons, set by each of their teachers, in the Homework section. They should also attend any MLTV live lessons that are arranged by their teacher. There is a Survey Monkey question that will help to establish student access to the VLE.

May we take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely



Fraser Long
Principal

Enclosure: Information Sheet

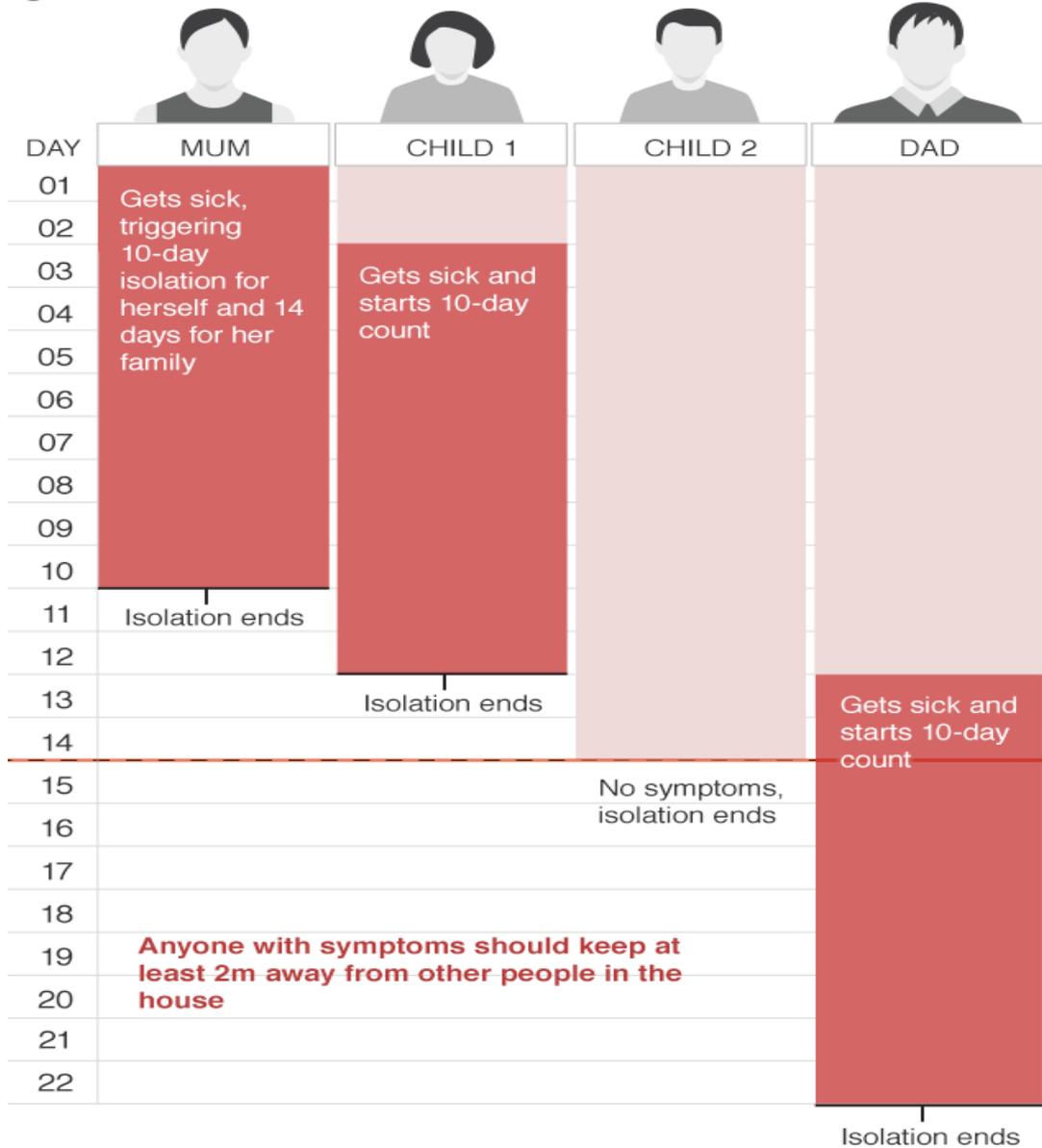
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Information Sheet

What happens if someone in your family gets sick?



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

Source: Public Health England advice



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