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Parents of children in Year 1/2, whose children are currently self-isolating.

We understand the difficulties getting older and younger siblings to school when you have a child self-isolating. We contacted public health England yesterday regarding this and they have sent us the following government guidance.

Self-isolation guidance

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-for-contacts-of-people-with-possible-or-confirmed-coronavirus-covid-19-infection-who-do-not-live-with-the-person/guidance-for-contacts-of-people-with-possible-or-confirmed-coronavirus-covid-19-infection-who-do-not-live-with-the-person>

Stay at home for 14 days after your last contact with the person who has tested positive for COVID-19.

Do not go to work, school, or public areas, and do not use public transport or taxis.

Do not go outside even to buy food or other essentials, and any exercise must be taken within your home.

Self-isolating at home for the 14-day period will help protect your family, friends and the NHS. Self-isolating at home in this way can also protect the most vulnerable in society, by reducing the chance of a second wave of COVID-19 in the wider community.

If you are living with children, keep following this guidance to the best of your ability, however, we are aware that not all these measures will be possible.

Not all these measures will be possible if you, or those you are living with, have significant conditions such as learning disabilities, autism or serious mental illness. Please keep following this guidance to the best of your ability, while keeping yourself and those close to you safe and well, ideally in line with any existing care plans.

Public Health England advised that it was reasonable for parents bringing siblings to school for the purpose of their continued education and can bring the isolating child with them, providing the child does not enter the school site, stays with their parents and goes straight back home. Hope this clarifies things slightly.

Many thanks

Mrs Nicholson

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