

24th November 2020

Dear Parents/Carers

As we reach the middle of this half term I wanted to say thank you for the trust you show by sending your children to school. We are finding creative ways to make sure the experience that all our learners have in school is positive, meaningful and supports their learning.

We know that schools are the best place for students to be, that they provide vital support for children in terms of their physical, social, emotional wellbeing alongside the learning experience. It is important that children attend as often as the circumstances allow.

We want our schools to remain open so that our children can attend. We know this can be an anxious time for families but there are ways to minimise the risks. We need to ask for the support of all our community in following the guidance on self-isolation. If a child attends school when they are displaying symptoms, have had contact with a possible or positive case or are waiting for a test result, other students are impacted, their learning and time in school is affected and vulnerable people may be at risk. Please keep us informed by phone or email if your child may be directly or indirectly affected by Covid 19 in anyway. With this information we can carry out effective contact tracing and protect others.

In the interest of all our learners please can I ask that you follow all the advice listed below to ensure they can continue their learning and time in school with all of the benefits this brings. Following this advice **will** minimise the spread of the virus in our school and wider community.

Keep children at home (This means do not leave your home or garden) in the following situations:

- **If your child displays any of the main symptoms of Covid-19**
 - New, continuous cough
 - High Temperature
 - Loss or change of sense of smell or tasteYou should also arrange for them to get a test, and the whole household/support bubble need to stay at home until the result of the test is known.

- **If anyone in your household/support bubble has symptoms**

Anyone in the household with symptoms should get a test and the whole household/support bubble need to stay at home until the result of the test is known.

- **If your child has tested positive for Covid-19**

They must stay at home for 10 days from the day the positive test was taken or the day their symptoms started. The rest of the household must stay at home for 14 days from the same date.

- **If someone in your household/support bubble has tested positive for Covid-19**

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- **Your child is asked to do so by NHS Test and Trace** - follow the instructions you are given by NHS Test and Trace. The rest of the household should be able to carry on their normal routine.

- **Your child has been sent home following a closure/partial closure of a school bubble** - school will advise you when pupils/members of staff can return and how families can access remote learning. The rest of the household should be able to carry on their normal routine

If you need support of any kind during this challenging time, please contact your school. I appreciate your continued support and wish you and your families well.

Regards,

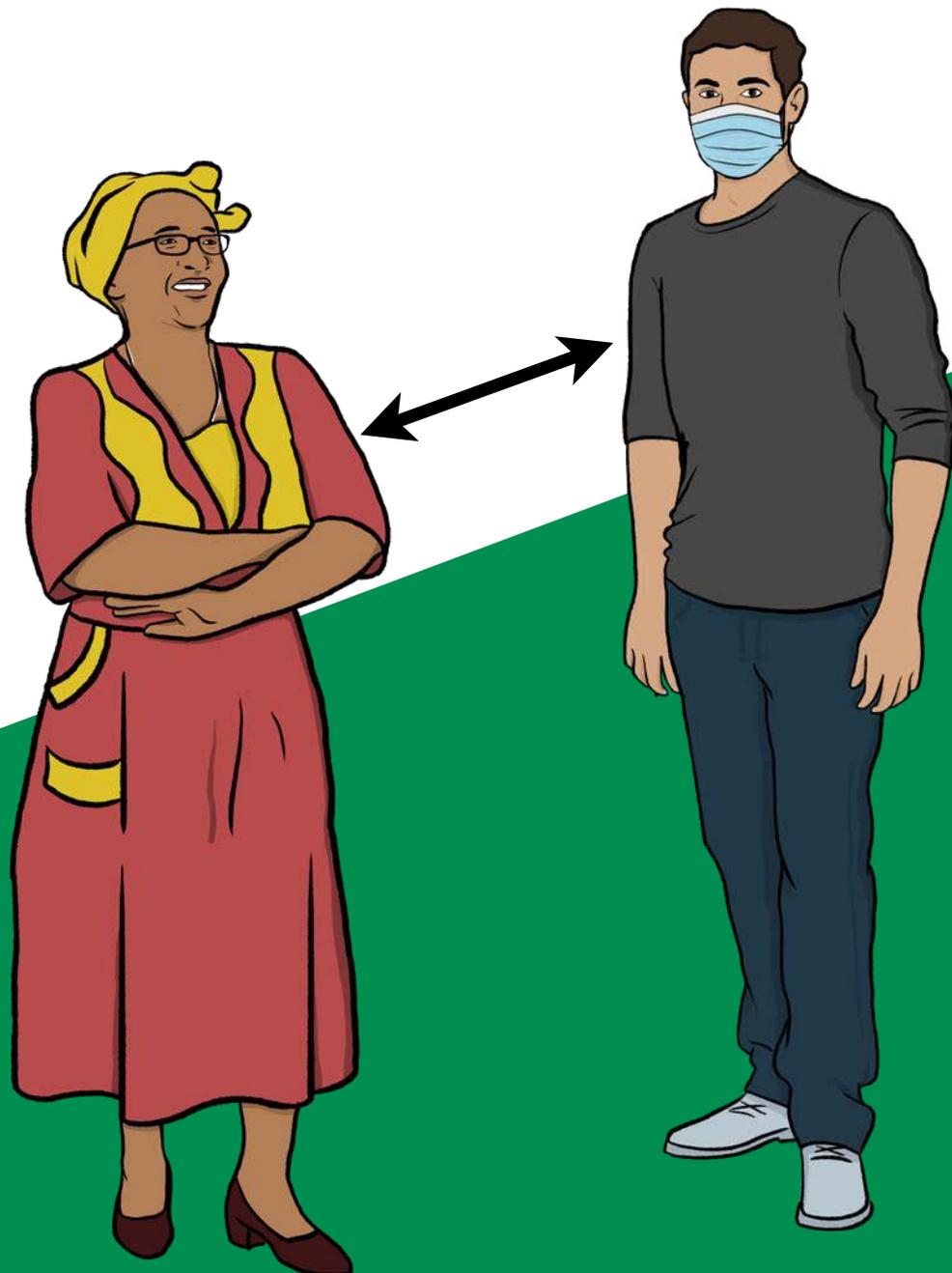
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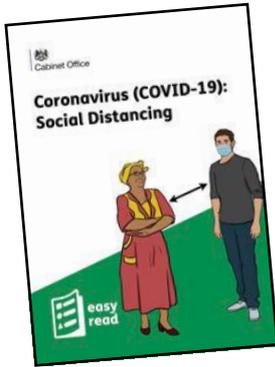
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Coronavirus (COVID-19): Social Distancing

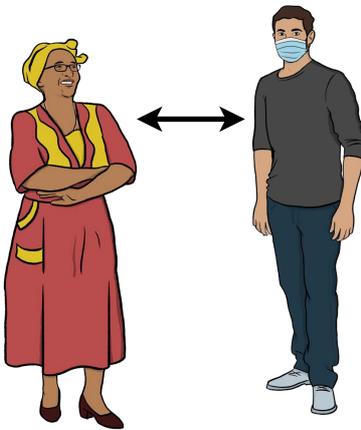


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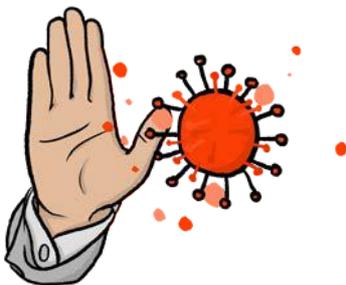
Introduction



This is the Government's guidance about **Social Distancing** in England.



Social Distancing means keeping apart from people.



You must follow this guidance to help stop the spread of **COVID-19**.



COVID-19 is also called Coronavirus. It is a new illness that is spreading around the world. It can affect your lungs and breathing.

Wash, Face, Space



You must:

- **Wash your hands** regularly and for 20 seconds.



- **Wear a face covering** indoors when you are with people you don't usually meet.



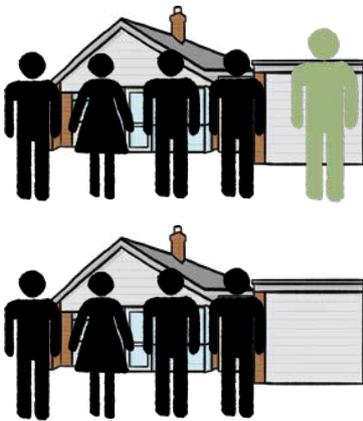
- **Stay 2 metres apart** from people you don't live with.

Social distancing



You should stay indoors as much as possible.

If you do go out, you should stay 2 metres apart from anyone who is not from your **support bubble** or **household**.



A **support bubble** is where a single person joins with people from another household.

Household means people who live together in the same house.



You should not:

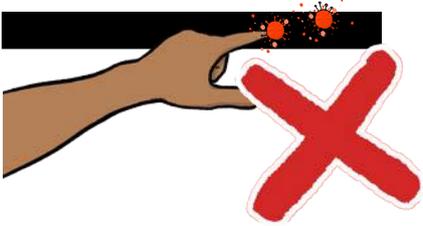
- get close to other people
- be face-to-face with other people



- shout or sing close to other people.



You should avoid busy places.



You should avoid touching things that other people have touched.

If you can't stay 2 metres apart

If you can't stay 2 metres apart from other people, you should stay more than 1 metre apart and do these things to keep safe:



- wear a face covering



- try to move outdoors, where it is safer



- keep windows and doors open if you are indoors.



Face coverings

The law says you must wear a face covering:

- on buses, trams and trains
- in many indoor places.



Certain people don't have to wear a face covering.

Looking after children

You should try to be socially distanced when you are looking after children.

Even if you can't do this all the time, you should stay apart as much as possible.

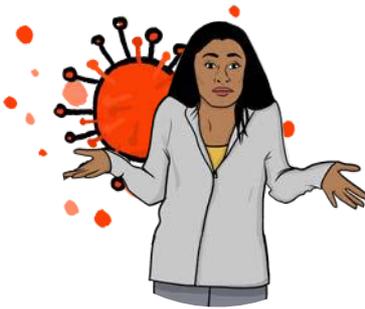


You can do some extra things to keep you and children safe, like washing hands and opening windows.



How COVID-19 spreads

COVID-19 is more likely to spread when people are close together.



People can spread the illness without knowing they have it.



It can spread through talking, breathing, coughing or sneezing.

Meeting other people



From 5 November, you must not meet people indoors unless they live with you or are in your support bubble.



You can meet someone who has a child with them, under 5 years old.



You can meet with a disabled person who has up to 2 carers with them.



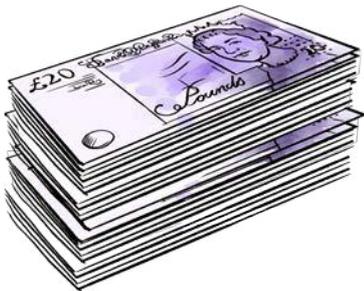
Couples that do not live together and are not in a support bubble with each other can carry on seeing each other outdoors.



You can exercise outdoors, or visit outdoor public places, with:

- the people you live with
- your support bubble
- 1 person from another household.





Outdoor public places include:

- parks, beaches and countryside
- public gardens
- allotments
- playgrounds.

You cannot meet people in a private garden.

Against the law

Meeting in larger groups is against the law, except for certain reasons.

The police can fine you if you meet up in groups.

You could get a fine of between £200 and £6,400.

If you meet up with more than 30 people you could get a fine of £10,000.

For more information



If you need more information please
go to:
www.gov.uk/coronavirus