

7th October 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have been advised this morning that there has been a second confirmed case of COVID-19 within the school community. **We have no reason to believe that your child has been in contact with this individual.**

We are continuing to monitor the situation and are working closely with Public Health England. This letter is to inform you of the current situation and provide advice on how to support your child. Please be reassured that for most people, coronavirus (COVID-19) will be a mild illness.

Following advice from Public Health England, the school remains open and providing your child remains well they can continue to attend school as normal. We will keep this under review.

Please be aware that we have contacted families of students who have been in close contact with the individual who tested positive for COVID-19 and, in line with Government guidelines have requested that these students self-isolate for 14 days. Please note that others in their household are not required to self-isolate at this point.

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 10 days from the date when their symptoms appeared.

All other household members who remain well must stay at home and not leave the house for 14 days.

The 14-day period starts from the day when the first person in the house became ill.

Household members should not go to work, school or public areas and exercise should be taken within the home.

Household members staying at home for 14 days will greatly reduce the overall amount of infection the household could pass on to others in the community.

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If you are able, move any vulnerable individuals (such as the elderly and those with underlying health conditions) out of your home, to stay with friends or family for the duration of the home isolation period.

Symptoms

The most common symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) are recent onset of:

- *new continuous cough and/or*
- *high temperature*
- *a loss of, or change in, normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia)*

For most people, coronavirus (COVID-19) will be a mild illness.

If your child or anyone in the household does develop symptoms, you can seek advice from NHS 111 at: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms/> or by phoning 111.

How to stop COVID-19 spreading

There are things you can do to help reduce the risk of you and anyone you live with 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*

Further Information

Further information is available at <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

We will ensure that we keep you informed if there are any further developments with regard to this specific situation. I would again ask that you support the school by ensuring for that you do not discuss this matter on social media.

Yours sincerely



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