



10th November 2020

Dear Parent / Carer,

We have been advised by Public Health England that there has been 2 confirmed student cases of COVID-19 within the school, following testing last week. These cases are not connected to each other and occurred in 2 separate year group bubbles.

We know that you may find this news concerning but we are working with Public Health England and are continuing to monitor all year groups in the school.

This letter is to inform you of the current situation and provide advice on how to support your daughter. Please be reassured that for most people, coronavirus (COVID-19) will be a mild illness.

The parents of all students who have been in close contact with the individuals who tested positive for coronavirus (COVID-19) have already been informed and have received a letter informing them that their child must stay at home for 14 days.

The school remains open for all other students and your daughter should continue to attend as normal if she remains well. We do ask all parents to monitor your daughter's health and if you are concerned that she is unwell or has any Covid related symptoms she **MUST** stay at home, even if the symptoms are mild.

The information below is from Public health England and schools are required to share this with parents when a positive case results in some students being sent home from school to self-isolate.

What to do if your child develops symptoms of COVID 19

If your daughter develops symptoms of COVID-19, she must not come to school and should remain at home for at least **10 days** from the date when her symptoms appeared. Anyone with symptoms will be eligible for testing and this can be arranged via <https://www.nhs.uk/ask-for-a-coronavirus-test> or by calling 119.

All other household members who remain well, must stay at home and not leave the house for 14 days. This includes anyone in your 'Support Bubble'.

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Further information is available at:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-households-with-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection>

If your child or a member of your household tests positive for Covid, all members of the household MUST self-isolate for 14 days, even if they show no signs of the symptoms. 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.

If you require help with buying groceries, other shopping or picking up medication, or walking a dog, you should ask friends or family. Alternatively, you can order your shopping online and medication by phone or online.

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

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:

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

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

If your child does develop symptoms, you can seek advice from the nhs.uk website at <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/check-if-you-have-coronavirus-symptoms/>. If you are concerned about your child's symptoms, or they are worsening you can seek advice from NHS 111 at <https://111.nhs.uk/> 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/>

Yours sincerely,



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