



Saturday 17th October 2020

FOR PARENTS OF CLOSE CONTACTS OF COVID-19

Dear Parent/Carer,

Advice for Child to Self-Isolate for 14 Days

We have been informed today (Saturday) that there has been a confirmed case of COVID-19 within the school. We have tracked back when the child could have become symptomatic and, as a result, we have taken the decision that some students in Years 10 and 11 should now self-isolate because they have been in contact with the symptomatic child.

In line with the national guidance and with advice from Public Health we ask that your child now stays at home and self-isolate until **Wednesday 28th October 2020 (14 days after last contact)**. Your child must not go to school or any public areas: your child must remain at home. Further details of what your child needs to do are in NHS Guidance: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/testing-for-coronavirus/nhs-test-and-trace-if-youve-been-in-contact-with-a-person-who-has-coronavirus/>

Your child will return to school on Monday 2nd November 2020 (after half-term).

We are asking you to do this to reduce the further spread of COVID 19 to others in the community. If you need support with isolation, please contact your local Council.

Other members of your household can continue normal activities provided your child does not develop symptoms within the self-isolation period.

If your child is well at the end of the period of self-isolation, then they can return to usual activities.

What to do if your child develops symptoms of COVID 19

For most people, especially children, COVID-19 will be a mild illness.

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

- New continuous cough and/or
- High temperature and/or
- A loss of, or change in, normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia)

If your child develops any of these symptoms of COVID-19, they should remain at home and arrangements should be made for them to be tested. At that time all other household members must also stay at home, not go to work, school or public areas, even for exercise.

Testing can be arranged by calling 119 or via the NHS website: [nhs.uk/coronavirus](https://www.nhs.uk/coronavirus)

When the result of the child's test is known further advice will be available.

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:

- 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 [nhs.uk/coronavirus](https://www.nhs.uk/coronavirus)

Thank you for your ongoing understanding and support,

Yours sincerely,

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