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Dear Parents and Carers

We have been made aware of a member of our school community who has tested positive for COVID-19.

I recognise that you may find this concerning but please be reassured that we continue to follow the guidance and direction given to us by the Department for Education and Public Health England at all times. We continue to follow a strict system of control with preventative measures to minimise the potential spread of infection which is reviewed frequently.

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

The small number of children who have been in close contact with the individuals who has tested positive for coronavirus (COVID-19) have received a letter informing them that they must stay at home for 14 days.

The school remains open to students in Years 7, 8, 10, 11 and the sixth form and your child should continue to attend as normal if they remain well.

What to do if your child develops symptoms of COVID 19

If your child develops symptoms of COVID-19, they must not come to school and should remain at home for at least **10 days** from the date when their 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'.

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>

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

It is essential that your child/ren come to school with a face covering which they must use when moving around the school and in the communal areas.

Test and trace payment support

If you receive a positive Covid-19 test result or are told by the NHS to self-isolate because of close contact with someone who has Covid-19 and cannot work from home during this period, you may be eligible for a Test and Trace support payment.

To be eligible for the new Test and Trace Support Payment, you must:

- Have been asked to self-isolate by NHS Test and Trace either because you have tested positive for coronavirus or have recently been in close contact with someone who has
- Be employed or self-employed



And be unable to work from home and will lose income as a result

You must also be currently receiving:

- Universal Credit
- Working Tax Credit
- income-based Employment and Support Allowance
- income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income Support
- Housing Benefit and/or Pension Credit

To apply for this payment please contact your [local district or borough council](#).

Some districts and boroughs have a discretionary scheme and may be able to help you if you do not meet these criteria but still experience significant financial hardship.

Further Information

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

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact us at:

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Alternatively, you can telephone the school on 01933 222830.

Thank you all for your continuing support in these challenging times.

Yours sincerely

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Principal