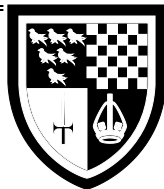


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Dear Parents and Carers

## **Positive COVID-19 Case**

We have been advised by Public Health England that there has been a confirmed case of COVID-19 within our school. I am pleased to be able to report that the member of our community only currently has mild symptoms, but our thoughts are obviously with them and their family. We hope that they make a speedy recovery.

We know that you may find this information concerning, but please be assured that 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.

Any members of the College community who have been in close contact with the individual who tested positive for coronavirus (COVID-19) have been contacted by a member of staff. They have received a letter informing them that they must stay at home and self-isolate for 10 days from the time of the contact.

The school remains open and all other students should please 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/askfor-a-coronavirus-test> or by calling 119.

All other household members who remain well must stay at home and not leave the house for 10 days. This includes anyone in your 'Support Bubble'. The 10-day period starts from the day when the first person in the house became ill. The isolation period includes the day their symptoms started and the next 10 full days. This means that if, for example, their symptoms started at any time on the 15th of the month, the isolation period ends at 23:59 hrs on the 25th. In the absence of symptoms, the isolation would start from the date of the test was taken and continue for ten days after this.

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

Further information is available at:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19stayat-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-households-with-possible-coronaviruscovid19-infection>

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 10 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-coronavirussymptoms/>.

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/>

Thank you, as always, for your on-going help, co-operation and support. If you have any questions or concerns please contact us by emailing your child's Head of House, in the first instance.

Yours sincerely

Mr P. Swatton

Principal