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Re: COVID 19 Advice to Parents

Dear Parents/Carers,

We have been made aware over the past two weeks that several members of the school community have tested positive for COVID 19.

We are continuing to monitor the situation and are working closely with public health advisers. 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.

There are a number of outbreak management actions that may be taken to reduce the spread of COVID-19 in schools. We will inform you of these possible measures if needed. We are extremely mindful of the negative impact of missing education has on children and young people, therefore, restricting attendance at school will only be considered as an absolute last resort.

The school remains open and providing your child remains well they can continue to attend school as normal.

What to do if your child develops symptoms of COVID 19

If your child develops symptoms of COVID-19 (new, continuous cough, high temperature, loss/change in taste/smell), they should remain at home and access a PCR test. 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.

If the person with symptoms receives a positive test result, all household members who are fully vaccinated (had their second vaccine more than 14 days ago) or are aged below 18 years 6 months, do not need to isolate but should access a free PCR test. Adults who



are not fully vaccinated need to isolate from 10 days from the case's first symptoms (or test date if they had no symptoms). Full guidance can be found 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>

Contact tracing

Schools/settings are no longer required to trace close contacts of cases and, if your child tests positive for COVID-19, the local contact tracing team will be in touch to identify close contacts. Contact tracers will ask about symptoms, test date and will help you to identify anyone they have been in close contact with during their infectious period.

If your child is identified as a close contact, they will be contacted and advised to access a free PCR test (they do not need to isolate whilst waiting for the result).

How you can help:

Public Health England advise that vaccination is the single, most effective step we can take to protect ourselves and other from the virus. Government guidance states that this is crucially important for lowering the infection rate in schools and the wider community and can help protect yourself and your family from COVID-19.

Symptoms - It is also extremely important that all parents/carers are vigilant in spotting symptoms in their child(ren) and do not send them to school if they have COVID-19 symptoms. **During this period when there are COVID-19 cases in schools, if you are in any doubt about your child's symptoms, please take them for a PCR test.**

LFT Asymptomatic Testing - thank you for continuing to voluntarily test twice weekly.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

J Hughes – Williams
Principal