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Dear Parents/Carers,

**Re: Warn and Inform of Covid-19 Cases**

We have been made aware of more than one confirmed positive case of Covid-19 in **form I IREM**.

Education and childcare settings are no longer required to conduct routine contact tracing. As with positive cases in any other setting, NHS Test and Trace will work with either the positive case – or in the case of children – the parents, carers or guardian of the positive case to identify close contacts.

This letter is just for your information and you do not need to take any action at this stage. However, we strongly urge you to ensure that your child is undertaking their twice weekly lateral flow tests at home on a Sunday and Wednesday and they report all results via website <https://www.beaconhillacademy.org.uk/covid-19/lateral-flow-testing/home-testing/record-a-result> and NHS test and trace. This is because 1 in 3 people have coronavirus without displaying symptoms. If all students participate in regular testing, it gives us the best chance of keeping our school safe and avoiding further transmission.

**What to do if your child develops symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19)**

The main symptoms of Covid-19 are a new, continuous cough, or a high temperature, or a loss of, or change in, their normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia). If your child develops any of these symptoms, they should isolate immediately and arrange a test via [www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test](http://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test) or by calling 119.

In addition to the above main Covid-19 symptoms, if your child develops any of the following symptoms, it is also recommended they arrange a PCR test: *loss of appetite, sore throat, extreme tiredness, sneezing, headache, diarrhoea, joint or muscle ache, vomiting, nausea, rash, runny nose or congestion*. This is because these other symptoms have also been linked to Covid-19 infection. Individuals with any of these other symptoms (apart from diarrhoea and vomiting) **can carry on attending their setting** if they are well enough to do so. For more information, please visit [www.dudley.gov.uk/coronavirustesting](http://www.dudley.gov.uk/coronavirustesting)

**Contact with a positive case**

If a member of your household tests positive for Covid-19, please ensure the whole household undertakes a PCR test (not a lateral flow test) immediately. Similarly, if your child thinks they may have been in close contact with a positive case, for example at school or via their social circle, please ensure they undertake a PCR test immediately. Students can carry on attending school whilst awaiting their test result if they do not have symptoms. Tests can be booked via [www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test](http://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test) or by calling 119. **Please note if your child has tested positive within the last 90 days do not get them tested, unless they have symptoms.**

**The rules on [self-isolation have changed](#).**



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Close contacts of a positive case (including households) no longer need to self-isolate if they are:

- fully vaccinated
- are under the age of 18 and 6 months
- can't have the vaccination for medical reasons
- or have taken part in or are currently part of an approved COVID-19 vaccine trial

Any household members that are over 18 and 6 months and are not fully vaccinated will need to isolate.

**For most people, 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.

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

Yours faithfully,

**Mr S Dhami**  
**Principal**