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Dear Parents/Carers,

RE: Warn and Inform Covid-19 letter

We have been made aware of more than one confirmed positive case of Covid-19 in 7RHA, 10DJU, 11CRE and 8SLL.

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 the Beacon Hill Academy Website. This is because 1 in 3 people have Covid-19 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 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 school** if they are well enough to do so. For more information, please visit www.dudley.gov.uk/coronavirustesting

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

Further information is available at



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Yours faithfully,

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