



Date: 6<sup>th</sup> October 2020

Dear Parent /Carer

I am writing to inform you that we have been notified that there has been a confirmed case of COVID-19 in Year 7.

We have worked with Public Health England (PHE) and with the Department for Education (DfE) to take the necessary steps to ensure that all staff and learners are safe. Given that the confirmed learner has not been in school for the past 5 days there is no need for further action to be taken.

Having gone through the academies risk assessment and the stringent measures put in place, Public Health England **do not require any further action to be taken.**

The academy remains open and providing your child remains well they can continue to attend school as normal. We will keep this under review.

### **What to do if your child develops symptoms of COVID 19**

If your child develops symptoms of COVID-19, they should remain at home for at least 10 days from the date when their symptoms appeared.

All other household members who remain well must stay at home and not leave the house for 14 days.

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.

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 to, 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:

- new continuous cough and/or
- high temperature



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- a loss of, or change in, normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia)

**For most people, coronavirus (COVID-19) will be a mild illness.**

If your child or anyone in the household does develop symptoms, you can seek advice from the NHS website 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 Further information is available via the government website.

Should you have any questions or concerns please email  
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Yours sincerely

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