

Thursday 15th October 2020

Dear Parent and Carer

I am writing to inform you that a member of staff from primary phase has had a positive test. They are fine, they do have symptoms, but they are not receiving any medical care.

I contacted the DfE helpline this morning to discuss what steps we need to take. The good news is that there is **no action required**.

I can confirm that there is **no link** between the two positive cases. The member of staff is part time and last worked in school on Wednesday the 7th October, they started to have symptoms on the 12th October and received the test result today. As they have not been in school since the 7th October there is no risk to any staff or students. **The infection risk prior to symptoms is 2 days.**

We have had several queries from parents regarding rumours that they have heard about students being in school despite their family having had a positive test. In all cases these have been rumours only and have no substance.

I would like to take this opportunity to repeat the importance of ensuring that we maintain a safe site. As a reminder, if your child or anyone in your household has the following symptoms **then they must not attend school** and they should get a test as soon as possible:

- a high temperature – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature).
- a new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual).
- a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste – this means you have noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal.

Please remember that if you live with someone who has Covid-19 symptoms or a positive test result than you **must self-isolate for 14 days**. Your 14 day isolation period starts from the day when the first person in your household developed symptoms. If you are isolating because someone in your house has had a positive result but does not have symptoms, your 14-day period starts from the day their test was taken. If for any reason you have a negative result during your 14-day isolation period, this does not mean you can stop isolating.

I can reassure you that we will continue to review the local and national data regarding the rates of infection to inform our responses. I am reassured by our communications with Public Health England (PHE) that our hygiene measures are appropriate and effective to ensure that

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we minimise the risk of the transmission of coronavirus.

Thank you for your continued support in taking all the necessary steps to keep our whole school community as safe as possible. If you do have any queries, please contact Vikki Jewell, Senior Administrator, on vjewell@ccs.northants.sch.uk

Yours sincerely



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