

Thursday 19th November 2020

Dear Parents,

I am writing to inform you that we have been notified that a Year 9 student tested positive for Coronavirus (Covid-19)

We have been in contact with Public Health England (PHE) and the local Health Protection Team. I can confirm that the Year 9 student was last in school on Tuesday 17th November 2020. In line with national guidance, we have identified those who have been in close contact and Public Health advice has resulted in identifying all students who have been in close contact to self-isolate for 14 days. All close contacts have received a personalised letter confirming these details and outlining the online provision that will be available so that they can continue to learn from home. I am pleased to inform you that the child has had mild symptoms.

In that same class we have a student who started to display symptoms yesterday evening and took a test this morning. As this is potentially a second case within this class bubble, I have decided to isolate the whole class until the results of the second test are known. When we have the results, I will decide in discussion with the local health protection team if the class or just identified close contacts would need to continue to self-isolate. All parents were informed before school today, **no students from this class were in school today.**

We have been reassured that the risk of infection within the wider school community from this case is minimal and that all appropriate action has been taken.

Therefore, the school will remain open as usual for all students and staff who have not received a letter informing them that they need to self-isolate.

This does provide another timely reminder of how important it is that the measures we have in school to help prevent the spread of infection are followed. We will continue to support our students so that these routines are always well embedded.

It is important that you read the following information which has been provided by Public Health England. We are asking you do this to reduce the transmission of Coronavirus.

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What to do if your child develops symptoms of COVID 19

If your child develops symptoms of COVID-19, they must not come to school and should remain at home for at least **10 days** from the date when their symptoms appeared. 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.

All other household members who remain well, **must** stay at home and not leave the house for 14 days. This includes anyone in your 'Support Bubble'.

Further information is available 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>

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. If you require help with buying groceries, other shopping or picking up medication, or walking a dog, you should ask friends or family. Alternatively, you can order your shopping online and medication by phone or online.

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, 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:

- a new continuous cough
- a high temperature
- a loss of, or change in, your normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia)

For most people, coronavirus (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.

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

Keeping out children and families, staff and local community safe is our priority. It is vital that we follow government guidance and the advice from the local Public Health England Health Protection Team. We realise that you may have questions about the situation. If this is the case please contact vjewell@ccs.northants.sch.uk **Please note that we will not be able to discuss details relating to the individual case** but will do our best to answer any general questions that you may have as promptly as we can.

Thank you for your continued understanding and support in helping to keep everyone at our school safe.

Best wishes

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