

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

**RE: Positive Lateral Flow Test result**

I am writing to inform you that we were notified today of two positive test results for Coronavirus (Covid-19). These tests were identified using the Lateral Flow Tests carried out at school this morning. Both students were asymptomatic and had no recent contact with any positive cases. The students were in year 8 and were from the same class, they do not sit near to each other.

This was the second round of testing with year 8. To date we have carried out over 3000 tests and these are the only positive tests that we have recorded. All year groups will be tested a third time before they start the home testing schedule which will start either on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> March or Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> March. Home test kits will be distributed on Wednesday the 17<sup>th</sup> of March.

We know that you may find this concerning, but we are continuing to monitor the situation and are working closely with Public Health England. This letter is to inform you of the current situation and provide advice on how to support your child. Please be reassured that for most people, coronavirus (COVID-19) will be a mild illness.

All children who have been in close contact with the individual who has tested positive for coronavirus (COVID-19) have received a letter informing them that their child must stay at home for 10 days.

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.**

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.

We continue to follow guidelines about creating good ventilation in classrooms, this does mean that classrooms can get cold. A reminder that students can wear additional clothing including coats if they wish.

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.

**Advice to All Parents**

**The school remains open, and your child should continue to attend as normal if they remain well.**

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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 a PCR test (the normally available test type) 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 10 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 household isolation period includes the day the first person in your household's symptoms started (or the day their test was taken if they did not have symptoms) and the next 10 full days. This means that if, for example, your 10 day isolation period starts on the 15th of the month, your isolation period ends at 23:59 hrs on the 25th and you can return to your normal routine.

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 10 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 our 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](mailto: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



Gary Wakefield  
Vice Principal