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Dear Parents and Carers,

On Monday evening, 1st March, we were made aware that a member of staff in the Academy has tested positive for COVID-19.

We have followed all the national guidelines from the Department for Education and worked quickly to identify students and staff who may have been in 'close contact' with the affected individual; consequently, they will need to self-isolate.

We have contacted these families individually. The UNIT, classrooms and areas of transition will also undergo a deep clean before students return.

Those identified to be 'close contacts' by Public Health England need to isolate until Wednesday 10th March 2021, this is in accordance to when symptoms were identified.

Unless you have been contacted separately, your child will not need to self-isolate as they are not a close contact. You will be able to return to the Academy as the current UNIT schedule has been communicated, or continue with attendance as normal during this week, if your child is attending during national school closures.

I can only apologise for the disruption and anxiety that these decisions cause but assure you that it has only been made in the best interests of our students' safety and wellbeing.

Please also find attached further guidance from Public Health England and the Department of Education.

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Academy.

Yours sincerely

Mr S. Underwood
Associate Principal

Guidance

Guidance for contacts of people with confirmed coronavirus (COVID-19) infection who do not live with the person

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-for-contacts-of-people-with-possible-or-confirmed-coronavirus-covid-19-infection-who-do-not-live-with-the-person>

What to do if your child develops symptoms of COVID-19:

- People who do not have symptoms should not request a test unless this has been specifically requested by Public Health England or the local authority.
- 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'.
- The 10-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 10 days will greatly reduce the overall amount of infection the household could pass on to others in the community.
- 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. 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.
- 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.

Please see the link to the PHE 'Stay at Home' Guidance:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-households-with-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection>

Symptoms of COVID-19

The most common symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) are recent onset of:

- new continuous cough and/or
- high temperature and/or
- 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 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.

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/>