



Corby Business Academy

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### **Advice for students to self-isolate for 14 Days**

Dear Parent and Carers,

At 6.30 p.m. on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> November 2020, we were made aware that a member of our staff community has tested positive for COVID-19 in our UNIT provision.

We have followed the national guidance and have identified that your child has been in close contact with the affected member of staff.

In line with the national guidance, this means a number of staff and students will need to isolate until Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> November 2020.

The affected individual was last in Corby Business Academy on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> November and consequently 'close contacts' will be required to isolate until Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> November (last day of isolation Friday 20<sup>th</sup> November). Return to the Academy will be on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2020.

Please review all guidance below:

If your child is well at the end of the 14 days period of self-isolation, then they can return to usual activities, including attendance to the Academy.

Other members of your household can continue normal activities, providing your child does not develop symptoms within the 14 day self-isolation period.

Please see the 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:**

- 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.
- 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 14 days. This includes anyone in your 'Support Bubble'.
- 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 can, 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/>

I would like to recognise the support and work that has occurred over the past 24 hours from UNIT staff and managers, as well as our site team and cleaning staff. Their dedication to our students and community has been excellent.

Throughout the next 24 hours, UNIT staff will be working with all families to support and remind about the remote learning protocols.

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

Yours sincerely



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