

3rd November 2020

Dear Parents,

RE: Advice to All Parents – Confirmed Case of COVID-19

We have been advised by Public Health England that there have been a small number of confirmed cases of COVID-19 within the Academy.

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.

The cases within the Academy community have come to light over half term and the individuals affected have not been in attendance within the 14-day period of contagion. **As a result, the Academy remains open and your child can continue to attend school as normal.**

At this point in time you do not need to be unduly concerned. We will keep this situation under review and would ask parents to familiarise themselves with the information below:

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.
- All other household members who remain well must stay at home and not leave the house for 14 days. 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.
- 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 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 three 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've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal.

For most people, coronavirus (COVID-19) will be a mild illness, but if your child or anyone in the household does develop symptoms, you can seek advice from the NHS by calling 111 or by clicking [here](#).

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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. These include:

- 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/>.

If you have any further questions regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact the Academy's main Reception on 0121 289 3556 or via email to solihull.info@wmgacademy.org.uk.

Yours faithfully,



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