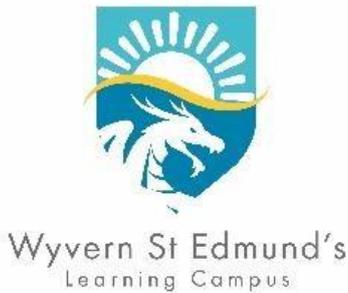


10th November 2020



Dear Parent/Carer

Please see the letter that follows, given to us to send to you from Public Health regarding a positive case of Covid-19 in the school. Whilst I fully understand this will cause anxiety amongst our community, please rest assured that because of our excellent Covid-19 systems and deep cleaning regimes and because we are following the government policies so carefully, there is no further action for the school and no staff or students need to isolate. We cannot give you any more information than is contained within this letter and whilst we know that may cause frustration we are not legally allowed to provide you with any detailed information regarding the positive case in a member of staff.

We have conducted a thorough risk assessment with Public Health England and have not identified any close contacts who will need to self-isolate as a result of this case.

Although the case will not impact the school we thought it would be helpful to share the following information should you or family develop symptoms of COVID-19.

What to do if your child or another member of the household develops symptoms of COVID 19? If your child or another member of the household develops symptoms of COVID-19, they should arrange a test via <https://www.nhs.uk/ask-for-a-coronavirus-test> or by calling 119 and remain at home with the rest of the household while waiting for the result.

If the test is positive, the individual will need to isolate for at least 10 days from the date when their symptoms appeared. All other household members must also stay at home and not leave the house for 14 days. This includes anyone in your 'Support Bubble' – defined here - <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/making-a-support-bubble-with-another-household>. The 14-day period starts from the day when the first person in the house became ill with coronavirus symptoms.

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 possible, 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-homeguidance-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 NHS 111 at <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/check-if-you-have-coronavirus-symptoms/> 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/>

Yours sincerely



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