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Dear Parents,

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We have been advised that there has been 2 confirmed cases of COVID-19 within the school – Miss Walton's class and Mrs Gilbey's class .

We know that you may find this concerning but we are continuing to monitor the situation and are working closely with the local health protection team. 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.

Under new government guidance, children under 18 years and 6 months who are identified as close contacts of a positive case no longer have to self-isolate but are advised to get a PCR test (unless they have tested positive in the last 90 days, or are aged 4 and under, in which case they are only advised to get a PCR test if they live in a household where someone else has coronavirus). NHS Test & Trace is now responsible for all contact tracing, rather than schools and will contact you directly if your child is considered a close contact. Further guidance is available here: [Guidance for contacts of people with confirmed coronavirus \(COVID-19\) infection who do not live with the person - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/guidance-for-contacts-of-people-with-confirmed-coronavirus-covid-19-infection-who-do-not-live-with-the-person)

The school remains open and your child should continue to attend if they remain well. You do not need to take any action unless contacted by NHS Test & Trace.

We will contact all parents again if the numbers of confirmed cases in school meet the Government's definition of 'local outbreak' – currently defined as **"5 children, pupils, students or staff, who are likely to have mixed closely, test positive for COVID-19 within a 10-day period."** If that happens, we will take advice with regard to reintroducing some of the protective measures previously used in schools. In that scenario, we will write to you immediately to explain any changes to be implemented.

**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 testing and this can be arranged via <https://www.nhs.uk/ask-for-a-coronavirus-test> or by calling 119. **If your child has symptoms, please book a PCR test immediately. If a child with symptoms tests negative on a PCR test, they should return to school when they are well enough to do so.**

The isolation period for anyone who tests positive for COVID-19 includes the day symptoms started (or the day the test was taken if no symptoms), and the next 10 full days.



All other household members who remain well no longer have to self-isolate, as long as they are fully vaccinated (defined as having received the recommended doses of a MHRA-approved vaccination in the UK, with the last dose being at least 14 days before the exposure to COVID-19), medically exempt from vaccination, or aged under 18 years and six months: [Stay at home: guidance for households with possible or confirmed coronavirus \(COVID-19\) infection - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-households-with-possible-or-confirmed-coronavirus-covid-19-infection).

## 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 or anyone in the household 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/>

I have written this update to inform you of the changing situation with regards to managing Covid-19 within schools. Schools have been advised that it is not necessary to inform parents of every future individual case of Covid-19 which is reported at school. However, please be assured that I am keeping a very close overview of the situation and if cases were to escalate, further controls would be promptly introduced to the school, in liaison with the local health protection team.

Yours sincerely

Richard Tomlinson

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