



11th December 2020

Dear Parent(s)/Carer(s)

Re. Confirmed cases of COVID-19 and changes to self-isolation period (11th December 2020)

We have been informed of two confirmed cases of COVID-19 within the school.

Those children and staff members who have been in direct prolonged contact with the confirmed cases (Year 8 pupils) will have received an individual letter advising them to self-isolate in line with the national guidance.

If you have not received a letter identifying your child as a close contact your child is not advised to self-isolate on account of the cases in the school. This letter is for your information only.

The government has announced that self-isolation for contacts of people with confirmed coronavirus will be shortened from 14 to 10 days across the UK from Monday. In some cases, this means that some students who are currently self-isolating will be able to return to school sooner than we originally communicated.

The table below shows the impact of these changes on pupils who are currently self-isolating:

Date of contact	Original end of self-isolation date	Original return to school date	New end of self-isolation date	New return to school date
01 December 2020	15 December 2020	16 December 2020	11 December 2020	14 December 2020
03 December 2020	17 December 2020	18 December 2020	13 December 2020	14 December 2020
04 December 2020	18 December 2020	04 January 2021	14 December 2020	15 December 2020
07 December 2020	21 December 2020	04 January 2021	17 December 2020	04 January 2021
08 December 2020	22 December 2020	04 January 2021	18 December 2020	04 January 2021
09 December 2020	23 December 2020	04 January 2021	19 December 2020	04 January 2021

As we enter the last week of term, I would like to take this opportunity to remind you of the general information on COVID-19.

What to do if your child develops symptoms of COVID 19

If your child develops symptoms of COVID-19 they should remain at home. Arrange for a COVID test via <https://www.nhs.uk/ask-for-a-coronavirus-test>.

If their test is negative they can return to school when they are well.

If their test is positive they will need to self-isolate for 10 days from the date when symptoms start. All your household members must self-isolate for 10 days.

The date of symptom onset is day zero.

<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

The symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) are:

- recent onset of new continuous cough or
- high temperature 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 you are concerned about your health or the health of anyone else in your house please seek advice from your GP or NHS 111 by phoning 111.

There are things you can do to reduce the risk of getting COVID-19:

- 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

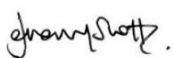
Further Information

Further information is available at <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

I will contact you next week to explain the procedure for communicating any positive cases over the Christmas break.

Thank you for your continued support.

Best wishes



Mr Jeremy Scott
Headteacher