



27 May 2021

Dear Parent/Guardian

Notification of a positive COVID-19 case in Year 10 – Close Contact

We have been advised that there has been a confirmed case of COVID-19 within the school. We believe your child may have come into contact with the affected person on:

Wednesday 26 May.

We have followed the national guidance and have worked closely with Public Health England, the Department for Education and Public Health at Oxfordshire LA. As a result we have identified that your son/daughter may have been in contact with the affected member of the community. In line with the national guidance we ask that your child now stay at home and self-isolate until **Friday 4 June (10 days after contact)**.

However, we are awaiting the results of a PCR test for the student who has tested positive from their Lateral Flow test. We will inform you of the result as soon as we receive it. If the PCR test returns a **negative** result all students who have been contacted and required to isolate **will not** have to continue their isolation. Please ensure your son/daughter isolates until we confirm the result of the PCR test.

If your child is well at the end of the 10 days period of self-isolation, then they can return to usual activities. **Your child can return to school on Monday 7 June.**

Other members of your household can continue normal activities provided your son/daughter does not develop symptoms within the 10 day self-isolation period.

Please see the link to: 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>

During your child's time at home a copy of any resources used during lessons that are missed will be posted on the class Google Classroom page by 5pm on the day that the lesson takes place. This will enable your child to ensure that no work is missed during the period of isolation.

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 day after their symptoms appeared. Anyone with symptoms should seek a test 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 10 days. This includes anyone in your 'Support Bubble'.

Further information is available at: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-households-with-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection>

The 10-day period starts from the day after 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 only.

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 10 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 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

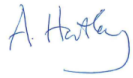
Do

- 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/>

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'A. Hartley', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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