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Dear Parents

Advice to All Parents – Covid Single Case

We have been advised by Public Health England that there has been a confirmed case of COVID-19 within the school.

We know that you may find this concerning but 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. Please be reassured that for most people, coronavirus (COVID-19) will be a mild illness.

The small number of children who have been in direct prolonged contact with the confirmed case will have received an individual letter and will be staying at home for 14 days from the point of symptoms developing.

The school remains open and your child should continue to attend if they remain well. Year 7 students and those who travel on the 002 bus (Brailsford) who are not a close contact of the confirmed case, may now return to school on Wednesday 23rd September. Should you have any concerns about this please contact your child's Form Tutor or Progress Leader by email to avoid busy phone lines. <https://www.queenelizabeths.derbyshire.sch.uk/contact-us/>

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, you must inform school of the absence and you must request a test via <https://www.nhs.uk/ask-for-a-coronavirus-test> or by calling 119.

You must also notify the school of the test outcome using this designated telephone number 07890319042 during the school day and out of hours. This telephone number must only be used for Covid test outcomes. This will ensure that parents can avoid other busy school telephone lines, notifying us quickly, enabling us to react and respond appropriately.

Unless a negative test result is received for your child, all other household members who remain well, must still stay at home and not leave the house for 14 days,. This includes anyone in your 'Support Bubble'.

If a positive test is returned, 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.

Further information about positive test outcomes 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>

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 does develop symptoms, you can seek advice from the nhs.uk website at <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/check-if-you-have-coronavirus-symptoms/>. If you are

concerned about your child's symptoms, or they are worsening you can seek advice from NHS 111 at <https://111.nhs.uk/> 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/>

Year 7 CATs

Due to the disruption to school, CATs will not take place this week, a new date will be planned and further information will be provided in due course.

Yours faithfully



Mr S Garrity
Headteacher