



Friday 18th September 2020

Advice to All Parents - Single case

Dear Parents,

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 we are continuing to monitor the situation and are working closely with Public Health England. I have been in contact with both Public Health England and the Department for Education today and as we have followed all guidelines correctly, we can confirm that the school remains open and your child should continue to attend if they remain well.

This letter is to inform you of the current situation and provide advice on how to support your child.

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 first 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.

All other household members who remain well, must stay at home and not leave the house for 14 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 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.

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)

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

Masks

As in the previous letter, please see below regarding wearing of masks. Please note, if you wish for your child to not wear a mask, please make your child's Head of Year aware.

Following the recent Government announcement, we have now asked all staff to wear masks in communal areas, such as corridors and the dining room.

From the 31st August all secondary students will be required to wear a face mask in the following areas:

- corridors
- communal indoor spaces
- dining halls (when entering, queuing, and leaving).
- during fire evacuations
- any other area of the school where students may mix outside their bubble

Students are not required to wear face masks:

- during lessons
- in outside spaces if they are contained within their bubble
- whilst eating

Exemptions to this policy

Any student presenting appropriate medical evidence will be exempted from wearing face masks. In order to provide medical exemption for your child, please notify your child's Head of Year.

If you have any concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me directly on ehoward@nusa.org.uk

Yours sincerely

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