

Advice to All Parents - Single case

Dear Parents

We have been made aware of a member of our school community who has unfortunately tested positive for COVID 19. A student in Year 11 was last in school on Friday 16th October, conducted a test on Saturday 17th October and received a positive result this morning.

We know that you may find this concerning but we 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.

The parents/carers of the children who have been in close contact with the individual who has tested positive for coronavirus (COVID-19) have been contacted and will receive a letter informing them that their child must stay at home for 14 days.

How do you know who has been in contact with the positive case?

In order to determine who the child has been in touch with, we ask the child to indicate who they have been in direct contact with 48 hours prior to the test being taken. This is the guidance given by Public Health England. We have spoken with the child to determine who they were with at lunchtime and social times and have spoken with the teachers in both the lessons on Thursday and Friday to determine where the child sat and who may have been within 2 metres contact during that lesson.

The school remains open for Year 10 and 11 and your child should continue to attend as normal if they remain well, if you are not contacted separately.

What if my child comes home tonight and says they have been in contact with the child?

We hope that we have been given all of the names of all of the children who have been in direct contact with the positive case. However, if any children return home concerned, can you please contact me directly on ehoward@nusa.org.uk and I will call you back as soon as possible to discuss your next steps.

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](#).

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-homeguidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-households-with-possible-coronavirus-covid19-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.

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 14 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 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-coronavirussymptoms/>. 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-covid19/>

Yours sincerely

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