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Dear Parents,

We have been advised by the UKHSA that there have been confirmed cases of COVID-19 within the school.

We know that you may find this concerning, but we are continuing to monitor the situation and are providing the following advice. Please be reassured that for most people, coronavirus (COVID-19) will be a mild illness.

The school setting remains open and your child should continue to attend as normal if they remain well.

**What to do if your child develops symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) or tests positive for COVID-19 via PCR or Lateral Flow Device Test (LFD test)**

Symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) are a new, continuous cough, or a high temperature, or a loss of, or change in, their normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia). Anyone with symptoms is eligible for a PCR test (the normally available test type) and this can be arranged via [Get a free PCR test to check if you have coronavirus \(COVID-19\) - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#) or by calling 119.

If your child develops symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19), they should [get a PCR test](#) and remain at home at least until the result is known. If negative, the child can return; if positive, the child should stay at home. They should stay at home until at least 5 days after their symptoms appeared.

If the child has a positive test result (via PCR or LFD test) but does not have [symptoms](#), they should stay at home.

COVID-19 test results can be reported here: <https://www.gov.uk/report-covid19-result>.

Children and young people with COVID-19 should not attend their education setting while they are infectious. They should take an LFD test from 5 days after their symptoms started (or the day their test was taken if they did not have symptoms) followed by another one the next day. If both these tests' results are negative, they should return to their educational setting if they normally attend one, as long as they feel well enough to do so and do not have a temperature. They should follow the guidance for their educational setting.

**Example:**

Monday = Day 0	First day of symptoms or a positive test
Tuesday = Day 1	
Wednesday = Day 2	
Thursday = Day 3	
Friday = Day 4	
Saturday = Day 5	First lateral flow test
Sunday – Day 6	Second lateral flow test and if both Day 5 & 6 are Negative you can return – provided you <b>do not</b> have COVID symptoms at this point

**What is the latest advice for the contacts of someone who has tested positive for COVID-19?**

Guidance for those who are contacts of people diagnosed with COVID-19 has recently changed. See [here](#) for more information.

Those who are [clinically extremely vulnerable](#) should be supported to minimise their contact with other people in the household during this period, regardless of whether others have symptoms or not.

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 coronavirus (COVID-19) spreading**

There are things you can do to help reduce the risk of you and anyone you live with getting ill with coronavirus (COVID-19):

- get vaccinated – everyone aged 12 and over, and some children aged 5-11 can [book COVID-19 vaccination appointments](#)
- wash your hands with soap and water or use hand sanitiser regularly throughout the day
- 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
- meet people outside and avoid crowded areas
- open doors and windows to let in fresh air if meeting people inside
- wear a face covering if aged 11 and over when it is hard to stay away from other people – particularly indoors or in crowded places

As you are aware, things are changing rapidly, please familiarise yourselves with the latest government guidance and further information is available at <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kevin McDonnell". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large 'K' and 'M'.

Kevin McDonnell  
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