

17th October 2020

Dear parents/carers,

We have been made aware of another positive COVID-19 test in school.

As a result, we have been advised by the Staffordshire COVID-19 Local Outbreak Control Team to identify close contacts and the parents of these pupils have now been contacted and given further guidance to self-isolate.

While these circumstances will cause concern for everybody within our school community, you do not need to request a test or self-isolate unless you are showing symptoms, in line with national guidance. Those with siblings in these teaching groups also do not need to stay home and self-isolate unless they start showing symptoms.

The main symptoms to be aware of are:

- new continuous cough
- fever/high temperature above 37.8°C
- loss of, or change in, sense of smell or taste

What to do if your child develops symptoms of COVID 19

- If your child develops symptoms of COVID-19, they 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.
- The 14-day period starts from the day when the first person in the house became ill.
- 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

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 is available at <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

Thank you in advance for your cooperation. If you have any queries then please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Yours sincerely,



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