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Dear Parents and Carers,

This is to inform you that there has been a confirmed case of COVID-19 within the Academy.

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 to provide advice on how to support your child. Please be reassured that for most people, coronavirus (COVID-19) will be a mild illness.

All contacts have been identified and advised to self-isolate. Your child is **not** a contact of the affected student.

The school remains open and, providing your child remains well, they can continue to attend school as normal. We will keep this under review and will inform you accordingly.

What to do if your child develops symptoms of COVID 19

If your child develops symptoms of COVID-19, **you should inform the school and organise for your child to be tested** via the [NHS online portal](#) or by calling 119. Your household should isolate until you receive the test results giving the all clear.

Symptoms of COVID 19

The most common symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) are recent onset of:

- new continuous cough and/or
- high temperature and/or
- a loss of, or change in, normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia)

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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

Flu vaccination

We would like to take this opportunity to remind you and your family to have the flu vaccination if you are eligible for this, especially if you are in a risk group. You can find out

about risk groups and whether you are eligible for a flu vaccine at the [NHS Flu vaccine overview](#).

Further Information

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

Best Wishes

Rebecca Curtis
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