

Wednesday 21st October 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

As you are aware, yesterday evening we were informed that a Year 10 student has tested positive for Covid 19. The student was last in school on Friday 16th October. We are taking the highest precautions and following the national guidance and the advice from our local Health Protection Team.

All close contacts of the Year 10 student have now been identified and instructed to self-isolate. Your child is **not** a contact of the affected Year 10 student so does not need to self isolate. As today is the last day of term, and next week is half term, students will return to the Academy on Monday 2nd November as normal.

As you are also aware, we had a case on Tuesday of a child testing positive from Year 9. These two cases are unrelated. We have already contacted close contacts of the Year 9 student with instructions for those students to isolate.

Please be assured we are continuing with our strict hygiene measures with enhanced cleaning throughout the building, including disinfectant fogging the entire building every day.

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)

For most people, coronavirus (COVID-19) will be a mild illness.

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

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- 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/>

I understand that this can be an anxious time for many and I appreciate your ongoing support.

Best wishes



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