

Tuesday 20th October 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

This morning we received a confirmed case of Covid-19 from one of our Year 9 students. The student was last in school on Wednesday 14th October. We are taking the highest precautions and following the national guidance and the advice from our local Health Protection Team.

Earlier today we sent all of year 9 home, whilst we identified students who have been in close contact with the student who tested positive, and as a precaution we have asked Year 9 students to not attend the academy tomorrow.

All other students in years 7, 8, 10 and 11 should attend school as normal, providing your child is well. Tomorrow is the last day of term for students, and next week is half term. Students return to the Academy on Monday 2nd November.

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

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- 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/>

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

Best wishes



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