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Dear Parents/Guardians,

We are writing to inform you we have had some confirmed cases of coronavirus (COVID-19) this week. This letter is to make clear our responsibilities with regard to managing the virus within the school community.

Please be reassured that for most people, COVID-19 will be a mild illness however we would like to remind you of the importance of all pupils and staff, regardless of age, and their families remaining vigilant regarding COVID-19, and indeed other infections, to protect their own health as well as the health of others around them.

We will not be routinely informing of individual cases as they occur, as this is no longer an expectation. This is because, in line with Government guidelines, we will not be restricting the attendance of close contacts who are under 18.

Children will only need to self-isolate if they have tested positive for COVID-19 (if you have tested using an LFD device we would urge you to also book a PCR). If your child is identified as a close contact of the confirmed case, you may be contacted by NHS Test and Trace who will advise you on what to do next. Close contacts in schools are now identified by NHS Test and Trace and education settings are no longer undertaking contact tracing.

We are continuing to monitor the situation and will work closely with Public Health England if the number of cases escalates to meet the thresholds for considering further steps. If this occurs, then further measures could be introduced but at this stage this is not deemed necessary. The 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

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 end self-isolation; if positive, the child should isolate until at least 10 days after their symptoms appeared.

If your child has a positive LFD test result (for children aged 11 and above), they should get a PCR test and remain at home at least until the result is known.

If your child has a positive PCR test result but does not have [symptoms](#), they should stay at home and self-isolate for 10 days from the date the positive test was taken. This isolation period will be extended if they go on to develop symptoms by counting 10 full days from the day following their symptom onset. Anyone with symptoms will be eligible for a PCR test (the

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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.

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. In an emergency dial 999.

If your child is self-isolating then you child's class teacher will be in touch at the earliest opportunity to discuss home learning provision.

Kind regards,
Odele Davies