



Tuesday 29 September 2020

Advice to All Parents – Coronavirus Single case

Dear Parents,

Today we have been advised by Public Health England that there has been a confirmed case of COVID-19 within the school. No children have been in close contact with the individual who has tested positive for coronavirus (COVID-19) and there is therefore no need for any pupils to self-isolate.

We know that you may find this concerning but we are continuing to monitor the situation and are working closely with Public Health England, the local Health Protection Team, Local Authority and the Department for Education. This letter is to inform you of the current situation and provide advice on how to support your child. Please be reassured that for most people, coronavirus (COVID-19) will be a mild illness.

The school remains open and your child should continue to attend as normal if they remain well. As you will be aware, we have worked very hard in order to ensure that our school is a Covid-secure and safe place for our pupils and our staff. We carefully follow public health advice and guidance and have an in-depth and ongoing risk assessment in order to put in place measures to minimise the risk of the virus spreading.

Symptoms

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

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

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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.

How to stop COVID-19 spreading



There are things we can all do to help reduce the risk of you and anyone you live with getting ill with COVID-19

- 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
- maintain an appropriate social distance with non-household members of over 2 metres

Further Information Further information is available at <https://www.nhs.uk/coronavirus>

You will be aware that local cases within Newcastle have been increasing recently. This is reflected in the recent tightening of restrictions around social distancing which prevent households from mixing.

We believe it is important to be upfront with parents during this time of challenge and will continue to work under the direction of the local Health Protection Team. Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

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