

23rd June 2021

Dear Parents & Carers

Advice for child to self-isolate

We have been advised by Public Health England that there has been a confirmed case of COVID-19 within **our 4B bubble**. Please see below, the direct communication and advice from Public Health England.

Isolation advice:

We have followed the national guidance and have identified that as your child may have been in close contact with the affected person and in line with the national guidance, we recommend that your child now stay at home and self-isolate until Thursday July 1st 2021 and return to the Academy on Friday July 2nd, providing they are symptom-free.

Further to my previous letter from Public Health England all pupils who are identified as a contact of a positive Covid-19 need to have a PCR test. It is very important for everyone who has been identified as a contact to take a PCR test and stop any onward spread. The PCR test should ideally be taken early in the 10-day isolation period. Even if your PCR test result is negative, you must continue to self-isolate for the full 10 days in line with government guidance. You can go online at www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test to book a free test by clicking the box that says your local council has asked you to do this - see attached step-by-step guide which guides you through the process. For those without internet access, you can also order or book a test over the phone by calling 119.

As your child should not be leaving the home during this period of **isolation** please let the Academy know if you have any problems getting other children to school. We are asking you to do this to reduce the further spread of COVID 19 to others in the community. If your child is well at the end of the period of self-isolation, then they can return to usual activities. Other members of your household can continue normal activities provided your child does not develop symptoms within the self-isolation period.

Please see the link to the PHE Staying at Home Guidance

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-homeguidance-for-households-with-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection>

It is very important that you do not send your children to school if **they**, or **any member of your household**, have any of the following symptoms (or if you have booked a test for anyone in your household)

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

What to do if your child develops symptoms of COVID 19

If your child develops symptoms of COVID-19, you should 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
 - put used tissues in the bin immediately and wash your hands afterwards
- Flu vaccination

Further information

Further information is available at

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

As you know, the health, safety and wellbeing of all of our children is our top priority. We have extensive safety measures in place to mitigate against the risk of transmission. This situation serves as a reminder that we all need to remain vigilant, both in school and in the community, and follow the latest Government guidance.

The children will be learning from home until July 2nd so must sign onto TEAMS once they are invited to their live lessons from tomorrow.

If you have any questions or queries, please email or call the Academy.

Please rest assured that we will keep you updated on the current situation.

Regards

Mrs Crew
Interim Principal