

Dear Parent,

On Friday the 20th of November we were advised that there has been a further confirmed case of COVID-19 within Year 7.

We have carried out a full risk assessment and identified all those who have been in close contact with the affected case and have recommended that they stay at home and self-isolate until 14 days after their last contact (the 3rd of December). We have also left the year suite of rooms clear for 3 days and put extra cleaning in place.

If your child has **not** been identified as a close contact they therefore do not need to make any change to their usual routine, including school attendance. They may return to school on Tuesday the 24th of November.

If you have received a letter from us already identifying your child as a close contact of a positive case, please refer to the guidance on your first letter. Your child must continue to self-isolate for the duration indicated on the letter.

The most common symptoms of COVID-19 are recent onset of a new continuous cough and/or a high temperature and/or a loss of, or change in, normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia). If your child, or anyone in your household, develops these symptoms, you whole household must remain at home and not go to work, school or public areas. You should arrange testing for the person who has developed symptoms. When the result is known further advice will be available.

Testing can be arranged by calling 119 or via the NHS website: [nhs.uk/coronavirus](https://www.nhs.uk/coronavirus)

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

Further information

Further information is available at www.nhs.co.uk/coronavirus

Yours sincerely
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