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Dear Parents/Carers,

We have been informed that one member of the school community in Year 8 has tested positive for COVID-19. We understand that this may lead to increased anxiety and we wanted to reassure you of the steps we are taking to manage the situation:

- The individual who has tested positive for COVID-19 is self-isolating as advised
- Close contacts of the case have been identified and have been advised to self-isolate at home for 10 days
- The school has been 'deep cleaned'.

We have been advised that siblings and other members of the close contacts students families do not need to isolate.

As you and/or your child are currently well, you do not need any specific treatment or change what you are doing. Please send your child to school as normal. However, like anybody else during this current situation, it is important for you to monitor your own health and look out for any symptoms of coronavirus.

The most common symptoms of coronavirus are a new continuous cough, high temperature (37.8 degrees C and above) and/or a loss of, or change in your normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia). If you, or any member of your household, shows these symptoms, however mild, it is important that they have a PCR test. This will help protect others in the community whilst infectious.

All other household members should self-isolate for 10 days and must not leave the house. The 10-day period starts from the day when the first person in the house became ill. Anyone who develops new symptoms whilst staying at home needs to stay at home for 10 days from when the symptoms appeared, regardless of what day they are on in the original 10-day isolation period. If you, or your child, develop any symptoms, we would ask that you notify the school immediately.

If the symptoms of anyone staying at home worsen or they do not get better after 10 days, please contact NHS 111 at: <https://111.nhs.uk/> or call, if you do not have internet access.

Further information for households with possible coronavirus infection can be found here; <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance>



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The most important way of preventing the spread of all infections, including the coronavirus, is:

- Washing your hands with warm water and soap for a minimum of 20 seconds before preparing or eating food, after going to the toilet or changing nappies, after breaks and sporting activities, before leaving and on arrival at home.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Cover coughs and sneezes with a tissue, place the tissue in the bin and wash your hands with warm water and soap.
- Regularly clean with usual household products such as detergents and bleach. Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces such as toilets, door handles and light switches.
- Keeping up to date with your vaccinations such as flu.
- Maintain a distance of at least 2 metres (6 feet) between yourself and others.
- Staying at home if you feel unwell.

Further information on coronavirus is found below.

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-information-for-the-public>

We really appreciate your patience and understanding, and we are managing this situation to the very best of our ability. If you have any worries or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours faithfully,

Beverley Scott-Herron
Headteacher



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