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Dear Parents, Carers, Pupils and Students,

We have been advised today that there has been a confirmed case of COVID-19 within our community. The case was from the Year 6/7 bubble. This is not an unexpected situation, and as part of our preparations for all pupils returning to School, we have contingency plans in place for this eventuality.

We are now working closely with Public Health England and continue to be vigilant for any additional cases. We will be contacting members of our community who may be directly impacted by this case. 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) is a mild illness.

The Year 6/7 bubble will be self-isolating at home and the rest of the school remains open; providing your child remains well, they can continue to attend as normal. We will keep this under review.

What to do if your child develops symptoms of COVID-19

If your child develops symptoms of COVID-19, they should remain at home for at least **10 days** from the date when their symptoms appeared. We would also recommend getting a test as soon as possible. Information on testing is available via the links below:

https://www.justonenorfolk.nhs.uk/test-trace

https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/testing-and-tracing/ask-for-a-test-to-check-if-you-have-coronavirus/

http://www.nnuh.nhs.uk/our-services/covid-19-testing-key-workers/

All other household members who remain well must stay at home and not leave the house for 14 days. The 14-day period starts from the day when the first person in the house became ill.

Household members should not go to work, school or public areas and exercise should be taken within the home. By household members staying at home for 14 days, you will greatly reduce the overall amount of infection the household could pass on to others in the community.

If you are able you should move any vulnerable individuals (such as the elderly and those with underlying health conditions) out of your home, to stay with friends or family for the duration of the home isolation period.

Further information on isolation is available here:

https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance

If your child is isolating due to developing symptoms themselves, or due the household isolation or being identified as a close contact, please let us know as soon as possible, in the same way you normally report absence. This will help us to take the right precautions at school.

Symptoms

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

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

If your child or anyone in the household does develop symptoms, you can seek advice from NHS 111 at https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/check-if-you-have-coronavirus-symptoms/ or by phoning 111.

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:

- Follow the guidance on social distancing
- wash your hands with soap and water often do this for at least 20 seconds
- use hand sanitiser 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 https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/

Yours sincerely,

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