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TO ALL PARENTS & CARERS – Positive Test of Year 8 Student

Dear Parent or Carer,

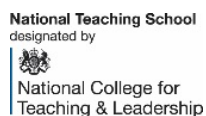
Today we were informed of a Year 8 student who received a positive LFD test result at home, yesterday evening. Having liaised with the Local Authority's Covid Response and Health Teams, we identified those students who we believe have potentially been in close contact with the affected student, and they have been advised to begin their self-isolation as of today. I would like to thank all those parents and carers who came to pick up their child at such short notice. Their support and understanding are very much appreciated.

At present, we are assuming that this isolation period will need to extend to 10 days from when the affected student was last in College. However, the student in question has gone for a confirmatory PCR test, and if the result of that test is negative, then all affected students will be able to return to College with immediate effect.

Unless you have been contacted separately, your child has **not** been identified as a close contact and therefore does not need to make any change to their usual routine, including school attendance. Whilst we cannot share the name of the Year 8 student in this letter, we have permission to share this information with any students or parents / carers who contact us, concerned that they may have been in close contact with him. If you are concerned, and would like to discuss this with us, please contact either Mrs Lewis, Mrs Garvey or myself, before your child returns to College.

What to do if you develop symptoms of COVID 19

If you develop symptoms of COVID-19, you should remain at home for at least 10 days from the date when your symptoms appeared as advised in <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance>. You can arrange for testing for via <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-getting-tested>. All other household members who remain well must stay at home and not leave the house for 10 days. The 10-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. Household members staying at home for 10 days will greatly reduce the overall amount of infection the household could pass on to others in the community.



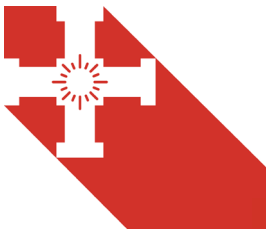
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If you are able, move any vulnerable individuals (such as the elderly and those with underlying health conditions) out of your home, to stay with friends or family for the duration of the home isolation period.

Symptoms of COVID 19

The most common symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) are recent onset of a 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. If you do 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 or anyone you live with getting ill with COVID-19:

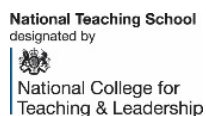
- wash your hands with soap and water often – do this for at least 20 seconds
- use hand sanitiser gel if soap and water are not available
- wash your hands as soon as you get home
- cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or your sleeve (not your hands) when you cough or sneeze
- put used tissues in the bin immediately and wash your hands afterwards

Further Information

Further information is available at <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

God Bless

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