

Dear Parents and Carers,

Advice to All Parents and Carers – single positive Covid-19 case identified at The King's CE School

We have been advised by Public Health England that there has been a confirmed case of COVID-19 within our school. This letter, including all of the information below, is adapted from a standard letter that is provided by the Department for Education.

We know that you may find this concerning, but we are continuing to monitor the situation and are working closely with Public Health England. 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) will be a mild illness.

Fortunately, due to our careful precautionary measures, we do not believe that any pupils have been in close contact with the individual who has tested positive for coronavirus (COVID-19) on this occasion, due to the nature of their role in school. Any members of the school community who have been in close contact with the individual concerned have been contacted and requested to stay at home for 14 days as a precautionary measure.

The school remains open and your child should continue to attend as normal if they remain well.

We are pleased that no pupils have been in close contact with the individual who has tested positive on this occasion however it does reinforce to us all, the importance of maintaining social distance, ensuring high standards of hygiene and the correct wearing of face masks.

Below is some information from the Department for Education that will serve as a useful reminder to us all.

What to do if your child develops symptoms of COVID 19

If your child develops symptoms of COVID-19, they must not come to school and should remain at home for at least **10 days** from the date when their symptoms appeared. Anyone with symptoms will be eligible for testing and this can be arranged via <https://www.nhs.uk/ask-for-a-coronavirus-test> or by calling 119.

All other household members who remain well, must stay at home and not leave the house for 14 days. This includes anyone in your 'Support Bubble'.

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

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.

If you require help with buying groceries, other shopping or picking up medication, or walking a dog, you should ask friends or family. Alternatively, you can order your shopping online and medication by phone or online.

Household members staying at home for 14 days will greatly reduce the overall amount of infection the household could pass on to others in the community

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

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

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

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If your child does develop symptoms, you can seek advice from the nhs.uk website at <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/check-if-you-have-coronavirus-symptoms/>. If you are concerned about your child's symptoms, or they are worsening you can seek advice from NHS 111 at <https://111.nhs.uk/> 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

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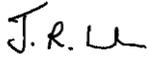
- wash your hands with soap and water often – do this for at least 20 seconds
- use hand sanitiser gel if soap and water are not available
- wash your hands as soon as you get home
- cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or your sleeve (not your hands) when you cough or sneeze
- put used tissues in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

Further Information

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

Please do contact us at school if you have any questions or concerns. I hope that you all remain safe and well and we send our prayers and ask for God's blessing on all those affected by this on-going global pandemic.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. R. L.' with a stylized flourish at the end.

James Ludlow
Principal