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Dear Parents / Carers,

Unfortunately, an external life coach who visited our school has tested positive for coronavirus. On a separate isolated case, a student has tested positive, however the student had not been in school whilst symptomatic or for the 48 hours before being symptomatic.

We have been in communication with the DfE, PHE and Local Authority and the school remains open to all year groups and no further action was required due to the visitor wearing the correct PPE and maintaining a 2-metre distance at all times.

Please be re-assured we have implemented a very thorough risk assessment in school and are confident that all the measures in place are providing a safe environment for the children during the day. As an added precaution all areas of the school are having an additional deep clean including all communal areas.

As a reminder any students displaying symptoms of;

a high temperature – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)

a new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)

a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

Please notify the school immediately, self-isolate, book a test and then inform the school of the result. All members of the household displaying symptoms should self-isolate until they received the results. For most people coronavirus will be a mild illness.

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. 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.





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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.

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 can, 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

We continue to have a dedicated team in place to deal with all covid related incidents and I can assure they are monitoring these isolated incidents carefully.

Yours sincerely

Mr M Rayner

Headteacher

