

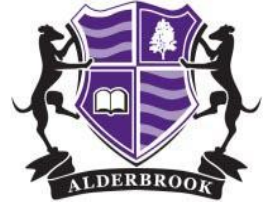
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Dear Parents and Carers

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Advice to All Parents

I am writing to inform you that we have been notified that a member of staff has tested positive for COVID-19.

We have been liaising with Public Health England and the local Health Protection Team and I can confirm that the individual started experiencing symptoms on Thursday morning and has not been in since as per our risk assessment. To determine whether the staff member has been in contact with others who now might be at risk of infection, Public Health England are using the following time frames:

- If symptomatic: 2 days before onset of symptoms until 10 days after onset of symptoms
- If asymptomatic: 2 days before date of test until 10 days after date of test.

As the symptoms started on Thursday, we have looked in detail at the two days before; the member of staff was not in school on Tuesday but was on Wednesday. Following detailed discussion with the member of staff and the Health Protection Team, we are confident that social distancing was maintained between the staff member and all students on Wednesday. Therefore, the school will remain fully open as usual and no students will be contacted to self-isolate.

Additional measures in the school

Wearing of face coverings is now mandatory for children and adults in all internal communal areas apart from in classrooms. Students have adjusted to this change well and I am grateful for your support with this.

All other measures remain in place at this time and we will reiterate the importance of these measures with students.

What to do if your child develops symptoms of COVID 19

It is imperative that you respond swiftly if any household members present symptoms of COVID-19.

The common symptoms of COVID-19 are:

- a high temperature, and/or
- a new continuous cough
- loss of sense of taste or smell.

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/>.

If you, or anyone in your family, has these symptoms now or in the future, stay at home for at least **10 days** from the date of when the symptoms appear, even if you are mildly unwell. All other members of your household will need to self-isolate for 14 days. 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.

The latest advice is that siblings need to be kept at home with symptomatic individuals. This means that if you are keeping one child off school because of symptoms, you must also keep any other children away from school until the symptomatic child has received a negative test. This applies to siblings within the same school or those at different schools.

Precautions

There are things you can do to help reduce the risk to you and 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 is available at <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

I want to once again take this opportunity to comment on how impressed my colleagues and I have been with the students' attitude and adherence to the new procedures and routines put in place over the past few weeks. I also want to thank you for your continued support at such an unprecedented time. Keeping our children and families, staff and local community safe is our priority. We will continue to follow government guidance and that of Public Health England and ensure that you are informed at each step of the way.

I am sure you will join with me in wishing the staff member a swift recovery.

With best wishes



Tom Beveridge
Headteacher