

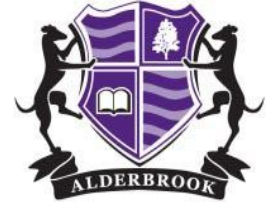
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Dear Parents and Carers

21 October 2020

Advice to All Parents

I regret to inform you that we were informed today, 21 October 2020, of two positive cases of COVID-19 within the school community.

We have been liaising with Public Health England and the local Health Protection Team. To determine whether the individual has been in contact with others who might be at risk, they 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

Further details

A member of staff received a test due to displaying symptoms. As symptoms started on Sunday 18 October, we have looked at the two days before. We have already contacted anyone we know who has been in close contact with the member of staff. If you have not been contacted, then your child can be in school tomorrow morning and will have lessons as normal.

A second member of staff received a test due to displaying symptoms. As symptoms started on Monday 19 October, we have looked at potential contacts on Monday. This member of staff was not in close contact with any 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/>

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.

We realise that you may have questions about this situation and would ask you in the first instance, to direct these to 201office@alderbrook.solihull.sch.uk . Whilst we are unable to discuss any specific details with you we will of course try and respond to any general questions you may have promptly.

I am sure you will join with me in wishing the members of staff a swift recovery. Over the next two days I will write to parents and carers to explain what will happen if we are notified of any positive cases in the school community during the half term break. Thank you for your continued support.

With best wishes



Tom Beveridge
Headteacher