

Alderbrook School

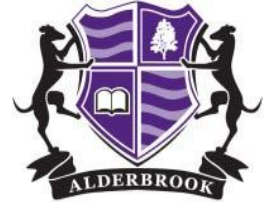
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Dear Parents and Carers,

I regret to inform you that there has been a confirmed case of COVID-19 within the school.

We have been liaising with Public Health England and the local Public Health team. This letter is to inform you of the current situation.

Further details

A Year 11 student today received a positive test result via their second in-school Lateral Flow Device test. The student returned to school on Tuesday following a negative test result on Monday. Thankfully the student is not currently experiencing any symptoms. **We are contacting separately anyone we know who has been in close contact with the Year 11 student in the last 48 hours. If you are not contacted today, then your child can come into school tomorrow morning and will have lessons as normal.**

We fully understand that having to isolate will be of great concern to students and parents after such a short time back in school, and we will work with these students to support them.

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.

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

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:

- new continuous cough and/or
- high temperature
- 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 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/> 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

- 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

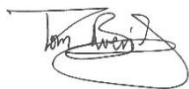
Further Information

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

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.

Best wishes



Tom Beveridge
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