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Dear Parent/Carer

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Covid-19 Update for Parents/Carers

The Academy was notified today of pupils who have tested positive for coronavirus over the weekend, with cases reported in Year 7, 8, 9 and 10. I can confirm that all close contacts have been identified and that the Academy has acted in line with guidance and our planned response and has sought advice from Public Health/Health Protection Team and implemented all necessary measures.

We know that you may find this information concerning, but we reassure you that we are working closely with Public Health England and the Local Authority. 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.**

The pupils who have been in direct contact with the confirmed case will have received an individual letter and will be staying at home for 10 days from the date of their last contact.

Pupils who have been directly impacted have been notified of the specific actions that they need to take. It is important to note that if the Academy has not made direct contact with you there is no further action for you that is necessary in relation to this case. The Academy remains open to all year groups.

The Academy continues to operate in line with its published risk assessment that is available on the Academy website using the following link:

<https://ossett.accordmat.org/wp-content/uploads/sites/5/2021/04/Re-opening-Risk-Assessment-OA-Version-16.pdf>

What to do if your child develops symptoms of COVID 19

If your child develops symptoms of COVID-19, they must not attend the Academy. Anyone with symptoms will be eligible for testing and this can be arranged via <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/testing-and-tracing/> or by calling 119. Household members must also isolate in line with guidance when any member of the household has symptoms.

Further information around isolating 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>

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)

If your child does develop symptoms, you can seek advice from the nhs.uk website at <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/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:

Do

- 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/>

May I ask you to respect the sensitive nature of this situation and respect that any other details in relation to the identified case will remain confidential.

In conclusion, can I take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support at this time.

Yours sincerely



Samantha Broome
Principal