

Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

We have been advised by Public Health England that there has been a confirmed case of COVID-19 within the school.

All close contacts of the confirmed case have been identified and advised to self-isolate at home for 14 days. The tracking of students and seating plans have enabled us to identify and isolate anyone who was in contact with the individual quickly and effectively.

We are continuing to monitor the situation and are also working closely with Public Health colleagues and Dorset Council. This letter is to inform you of the current situation and provide advice on how to support your child.

This latest case was not linked to the first case and again started in the community. The school remains open and, providing your child remains well, they can continue to attend school as normal and you do not need to take any further action.

All students must bring a **face covering** to school and wear it when moving around the school outside of their Year bubbles. We will continue to remind students to wash their hands regularly throughout the day.

### **What to do if your child develops symptoms of COVID 19**

If your child develops symptoms of COVID-19, you should organise for your child to be tested via the [NHS online portal](#) or by calling 119. Your household should isolate until you receive the test results giving the all clear.

### **Symptoms of COVID 19**

The most common symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) are recent onset of:

- **new continuous cough and/or**
- **high temperature and/or**
- **a loss of, or change in, normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia)**

For most people, coronavirus (COVID-19) will be a mild illness.

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## 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 from school or work
- 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
- Wear a face covering when in communal areas of the school outside of classrooms

## Further Information

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

I have attached a check sheet so you can have clear guidance on when to keep your child at home, how long for and what other actions you need to take.

Yours sincerely



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