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Dear Parents and Carers

Unfortunately we are now in the position to confirm a case of COVID-19 within Year 7. However because of our staggered start to the term, the student was not in school during the 48 hours before the onset of symptoms, which is when it’s infectious. Following advice from Public Health England and the NHS, no further action is needed and the school will remain open to all students. I do understand you may be concerned but we are extremely vigilant in following the guidance to keep the school safe. Please continue to encourage your child to wear a mask in the building.

You may also find the following information helpful:

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

 Further information 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)

**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/> . The safety of our students, staff and community is our number one priority. Thank you for your continued support.

Take care and stay safe

 Jo Harlow

**Headteacher**