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Advice to All Parents – A positive case within school

Dear Families,

We have been advised that there has been a positive result of COVID-19 from an LFT (Lateral Flow Test) that has had an impact within the school.

We have notified the associated staff and pupils.

We are continuing to monitor the situation and are working closely with Public Health. We are awaiting a confirmatory result from a PCR test. This letter is to inform you of the current situation and provide you with advice on how to support your child. Please be reassured that for most people, COVID-19 will be a mild illness.

Please can I also notify you that as parent carers of children within this school, you can collect two boxes of LFT testing kits from the Bromsgrove Test Centre – the Artrix, between 1.00pm and 8.00pm daily.

What to do if your child develops symptoms of COVID 19

If your child develops any of the symptoms of COVID-19, they should remain at home for at least **10 days** from the date when their symptoms started. Anyone with the symptoms is eligible for testing and should arrange for this via <https://www.nhs.uk/ask-for-a-coronavirus-test> or by calling 119.

All other household members even if 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 amount of infection the household could pass on to others in the community

If your child has symptoms, try and keep them as far away from other members of your household as possible. It is especially important that they stay away from anyone who is clinically vulnerable or clinically extremely vulnerable with whom you share a household.



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Symptoms

The most common symptoms of 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)

There has been an update on other symptoms where a result has then shown to be positive, so please be mindful of:

- Loss of Appetite
- Sore Throat
- Extreme Tiredness
- Sneezing
- Headaches
- *Diarrhoea (must be clear of symptoms for 48hrs before returning to school)
- Joint Pain or Muscle Ache
- **Vomiting (must be clear of symptoms for 48hrs before returning to school)
- Nausea
- Runny Nose or Congestion

For most people, 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.



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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.

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/>

Yours sincerely

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