



Edmonton County School

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Dear Parents / Carers,

I am writing to inform you that we have a second confirmed case of COVID-19 within the school. I can confirm that this is a student in our Sixth Form 'bubble'. Please be reassured that the student concerned has not been in school since the positive test result was received. This letter is to inform you of the current situation and provide advice on how to support your child.

We are working closely with the local Public Health England 'Coronavirus Response Cell' who provide us with the most up-to-date advice and guidance. As a consequence, we have asked a number of Sixth Form students to self-isolate at home for 14 days and a small number of staff. Due to the procedures we have in place (such as restricting contact between different 'bubbles' by zoning the school and having seating plans for all lessons) we have been able to limit the numbers of students needing to self-isolate.

I previously wrote to parents on 8th September as a Sixth Form student had received a positive COVID-19 test result. I am very pleased to say that the student in question has completed the appropriate period of self-isolation and did not go on to develop COVID-19 symptoms. The other students asked to self-isolate at the time have also completed the appropriate period of self-isolation and did not develop COVID-19 symptoms.

For further details about how we are keeping students safe in school, please see my recent letter "Re-opening September – an updated letter from Mr Miller 02/09/20"

www.edmontoncounty.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/Letter-to-parents-re-Sept-re-opening-v6.pdf

What to do if your child develops symptoms of COVID 19

If your child develops symptoms of COVID-19, they must not come to school and 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 14 days. This includes anyone in your 'Support Bubble'.
- 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>
- The 14-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 14 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)

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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/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.

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

Please do not send your child to school if somebody else in your household develops symptoms of COVID-19.

- Your child should stay at home and not leave the house for 14 days.
- The 14-day period starts from the day when the first person in the house became ill.

Further Information

Further Information Further information is available at:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

If you have any concerns regarding the information in this letter, please do not hesitate to contact your child's Progress Lead in the first instance.

Yours sincerely,



Paul Miller
Head of School