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**Advice to All Parents**

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had confirmed cases of COVID-19 within one of the school year groups reported today and have isolated pupils accordingly.

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 close contact with the individuals who have tested positive for coronavirus (COVID-19) have received a letter asking them to stay at home for 10 days.

The school remains open and your child should continue to attend as normal if they remain well. Please be aware that numbers of positive cases in the Wirral are now increasing rapidly; it is so important that we all stay vigilant, and ensure that anybody experiencing symptoms of COVID-19 does not attend school and gets a test for COVID-19.

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

If you develops symptom of COVID-19, you should remain at home for at least 10 days from the date when their symptoms appeared as advised in <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance>

You can arrange for testing for via <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-getting-tested>

**All other household members who remain 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 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 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.

If you do 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
* good ventilation, keep windows and door open to allow fresh air to circulate
* 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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