



5th October 2020

Dear Parent or Carer

A confirmed case of COVID-19 in our School

A member of our school has tested positive for Covid-19. The school is working closely with Salford's Public Health Team to reduce the risk of infection for your children and our staff. I would like to thank you for your patience whilst we work through our first experience of managing a positive COVID-19 cases in school.

We have been risk assessing the situation in school and we have measures in place to reduce the impact of situations like this.

Public Health advice at this stage is that the setting remains open because the majority of the school community are not close contacts. The school has increased cleaning generally. We have arranged deep cleaning of the areas affected.

Public Health Advice on Self-isolation

For those children who are contacts of the case, the school has already been in contact over the weekend to let those parents know and we will be in contact today (Monday 5th October) to explain the next steps. Any close contact **must** self-isolate for 14 days (this includes household members of the positive case). Only the close contact needs to self-isolate; other members of their household do not need to self-isolate.

Isolation means the person cannot go outside of the house (unless in your garden) other family members (outside your household) cannot visit and the child cannot see friends. Contacts who are isolating do NOT need to be tested because they will still need to continue to isolate for 14 days even if the test is negative.

If you have not been contacted in the next 24hrs, that means you have not been identified as a close contact and can return to school.

Public Health Advice on symptoms

If your child is identified as a contact, please try not to worry. For most people COVID-19 is a mild illness.

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As we head into autumn and winter, Public Health in Salford are advising to consider a combination of new symptoms (two or more) if the person does not have the classic symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) which are the fever, cough or loss of taste/smell.

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

A new continuous cough

A high temperature (fever)

A loss of, or change in, your normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia)

Any one of the above symptoms gives reason for high level of suspicion for COVID-19.

A well person or child: feels 100% well, seems themselves and not displaying any changes in behaviour or their daily routines.

An unwell person or child could be a possible case of COVID-19.

A combination of symptoms (two or more) below gives reason for high level of suspicion for COVID-19.

Vomiting/nausea/off their food, diarrhoea, sleeping more than usual, complaining of not feeling themselves, listless/restless/agitated, shortness of breath, feeling cold, headache, severe body aches, sore throat, congested or runny nose, skin rash - anything that is not feeling themselves.

Note: For fevers, the NHS advice is to look for a high temperature – ‘this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back; you do not need to measure your temperature’.

We are asking everyone who is unwell with one of the main symptoms of Coronavirus (COVID-19) or any two of the other symptoms above to book a test by ringing **0800 952 1000**.

Information about COVID-19 symptoms and management of the virus can be found here, www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/

Although COVID-19 is circulating in the community, usual childhood illnesses are too; and it is important that these are not missed. Please contact your GP or NHS111 if you are worried; or call 999 if seriously unwell.

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If you have any questions or concerns please refer to the government website, or you can contact school by calling, 0161 359 5100 or contact@albionacademy.co.uk

Best wishes

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