



4<sup>th</sup> November 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. We have carried out a full risk assessment and identified all those who have been in close contact with the affected case and have recommended that they stay at home and self-isolate until 14 days after their last contact.

**Your child has not been identified as a close contact** and therefore does not need to make any change to their usual routine, including school attendance.

For those children who are contacts of the case, the school has already been in touch to let those parents know and 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 think that someone else in your household has come in contact with a confirmed case or you need help or advice about self-isolation, please call the Spirit of Salford helpline on **0800 952 1000**.

### Public Health Advice on symptoms

The most common symptoms are outlined below

**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.**

We are asking everyone who is unwell with one of the symptoms of Coronavirus (COVID-19) to book a test by ringing **119** or go to <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/testing-and-tracing/get-a-test-to-check-if-you-have-coronavirus/>

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

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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

- 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/>

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.

If you have any questions or concerns please refer to the government website, or you can contact me by calling, 0161 359 5100 or [contact@albionacademy.co.uk](mailto:contact@albionacademy.co.uk)

Best wishes

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