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Dear Parents and Carers

I write to you all today to advise that there has been a confirmed case of COVID-19 within the school community.

We have carried out a full risk assessment and identified all those who have been in close contact with the affected case and, recommended that they stay at home and self-isolate until 14 days after their last contact. The parents of the small number of Year 11 pupils affected were contacted this morning, and I spoke to all these pupils this morning before they left the school site.

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.

The most common symptoms of COVID-19 are recent onset of a new continuous cough and/or a high temperature and/or a loss of, or change in, normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia). If your child, or anyone in your household, develops these symptoms, your whole household must remain at home and not go to work, school or public areas. You should arrange testing for the person who has developed symptoms. When the result is known further advice will be available.

Testing can be arranged by calling 119 or via the NHS website: [nhs.uk/coronavirus](https://nhs.uk/coronavirus).

There are things we can all 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
- maintain an appropriate social distance with non-household members of over 2 metres.

Further information is available at [www.nhs.uk/coronavirus](https://www.nhs.uk/coronavirus)

As we continue to plan for any eventuality, we have assigned all pupils to groups within Microsoft Teams. Pupils may well begin to receive a number of emails to their school account over the next few days to confirm these assignments. This is nothing to be concerned about, it will ensure your child can access the school network at home.

Please rest assured that our in school protocols were able to quickly identify pupils who were affected. We will of course continue to be vigilant, and continue to update you regularly.

Thank you for your ongoing support and patience.

Yours faithfully

Mr C Foley

Headteacher

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