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Dear Parents/Carers,

Case of COVID-19: Advice to parents or carers

We have been advised that someone in the school has tested positive for coronavirus.

As you are probably aware school settings are no longer required to complete contact tracing and close contacts will now be identified via NHS Test and Trace. However, we still feel it's important to maintain transparent communication if we are made aware of any positive cases within our school.

As with positive cases in any other setting, NHS Test and Trace will work with the positive case and/or their parent to identify close contacts. **Any identified close contacts will be contacted by Test and Trace directly.**

Please be reminded that individuals are not required to self-isolate if they live in the same household as someone with COVID-19, or are a close contact of someone with COVID-19, and any of the following apply:

- they are fully vaccinated
- they are below the age of 18 years and 6 months
- they have taken part in or are currently part of an approved COVID-19 vaccine trial
- they are not able to get vaccinated for medical reasons

Instead, they will be contacted by NHS Test and Trace, informed they have been in close contact with a positive case and advised to take a [PCR test](#). If someone in your household tests positive for COVID-19 you should book a PCR test for your child as soon as possible, even if your child is not showing symptoms of Covid-19. Please notify the school via info@deptfordpark.lewisham.sch.uk of the situation and keep us updated. We would recommend that your child does not attend school until you have received the result of the PCR test.

What to do if your child develops symptoms of COVID 19

Please be vigilant for any signs or symptoms of COVID-19 in your child. 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)

For most people, coronavirus (COVID-19) will be a mild illness.

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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.

If your child develops symptoms of COVID-19, they should get a test and remain at home for at least 10 days from the date when their symptoms appeared.

Please inform the school of any symptoms and test results.

The 10-day period starts from the day when the person became ill.

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

Further information is available at: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid19/>

Together, we can protect our school against COVID-19 and prevent the risk of spreading the virus to the more vulnerable in our community.

Please let us know if you have any queries about any of the above, or any other matter, via info@deptfordpark.lewisham.sch.uk

Sincerely,



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