

6 November 2020

General Letter to all Parents

Dear Parent/Guardian

Re Advice to All Parents - Single case

We have been made aware that **a pupil in Year 11** has tested positive for COVID 19.

We know that you may find this concerning but we are continuing to monitor the situation and are working closely with Gloucestershire County Council and Public Health England. 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 parents of pupils known to have been in close contact with the individual who has tested positive for coronavirus (COVID-19) will receive separate letters informing them that their child must stay at home for 14 days from their last contact with the confirmed case. All parents of pupils in Year 11 will also receive a specific letter about the provision we plan to make for their children next week, as they will not be attending school.

If your child is in Year 7, Year 8, Year 9 or Year 10, I confirm the school remains open and your child should continue to attend as normal if they remain well. To minimise their contacts and reduce movement around the school, pupils at Deer Park are currently taught in their year group bubbles. We also have other protective measures in place including staggered breaks and lunch times, frequent hand washing, hand sanitising and wipe down routines and the wearing of face coverings in our corridors and indoor communal areas.

What to do if your child develops symptoms of COVID 19

If your child develops symptoms of COVID-19, they must not come to school and should remain at home for at least **10 days** from the date when their symptoms appeared. Anyone with symptoms will be eligible for testing and this can be arranged via <https://www.nhs.uk/ask-for-a-coronavirus-test> or by calling 119.

All other household members who remain well, must stay at home and not leave the house for 14 days. This includes anyone in your 'Support Bubble'.

Further information is available at: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-households-with-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection>

The 14-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.

If you require help with buying groceries, other shopping or picking up medication, or walking a dog, you should ask friends or family. Alternatively, you can order your shopping online and medication by phone or online.

Household members staying at home for 14 days will greatly reduce the overall amount of infection the household could pass on to others in the community.

Symptoms

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

- a new continuous cough
- a high temperature
- a loss of, or change in, your normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia)

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If your child does develop symptoms, you can seek advice from the nhs.uk website at <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/check-if-you-have-coronavirus-symptoms/>. If you are concerned about your child's symptoms, or they are worsening you can seek advice from NHS 111 at <https://111.nhs.uk/> 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:

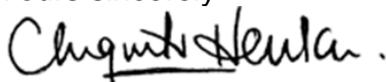
Do

- 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

Further information is available at <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

Yours sincerely



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