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Wednesday 16th December 2020

Dear Parent / Carer,

I am writing to inform you that today we were notified that there has been a confirmed case of COVID-19 within the school, the positive case is a member of staff.

We have been liaising with the Department for Education, Public Health England and the local Health Protection Team. I can confirm that the member of staff was not in school whilst symptomatic and has not been in the building since 3.05pm on Friday last week. We have identified those who have been in close contact. All close contacts have been spoken to in person explaining this. The local Health Protection Team has approved our actions and given advice on our next steps. If we receive any further advice that is different to this, we will of course review and contact all parents immediately.

We have been reassured that this is a single case, the risk of infection within the wider school community from this case is minimal and that all appropriate action has been taken. **Therefore, the school will remain open as usual for all pupils and staff who have not received a communication informing them that they need to self-isolate.**

This does provide a useful reminder of how important it is that the measures we have in school to help prevent the spread of infection are followed and also how vital it is to respond swiftly if any household members present with symptoms of COVID-19. We will be reminding all students and staff of these points on an ongoing basis.

It is important that you read the following information which has been provided by Public Health England. We are asking you to do this to reduce the further spread of COVID 19 to others in the community.

COVID-19 Symptoms

If your child is well now, they do not need any specific treatment. However, you should be vigilant for any symptoms of COVID-19 infection.

The common symptoms of COVID-19 are:

- a high temperature, and/or
- a new continuous cough
- loss of sense of taste or smell

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If you, or anyone in your family, has these symptoms now or in the future, stay at home for 10 days from when your symptoms started, even if you are mildly unwell. All other members of your household will need to self-isolate for 10 days. This is to protect others in your community. Do not go to a GP surgery, pharmacy or hospital. If you or your child become very unwell then contact NHS 111 for advice.

Testing for people with symptoms is available and more information can be found at this website <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/symptoms-testing/testing.html>

Precautions

There are things you can do to avoid catching or spreading coronavirus:

- wash your hands with soap and water – do this for at least 20 seconds when you leave your home, always wash your hands when you return
- use hand sanitiser gel if soap and water are not available
- cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or sleeve when you cough or sneeze
- put used tissues in the bin immediately and wash your hands afterwards
- try to avoid close contact with people who are unwell

More information on COVID-19 is available on these websites from the [NHS](#) and the Department for Education:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-for-parents-and-carers-of-children-attending-out-of-school-settings-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak/guidance-for-parents-and-carers-of-children-attending-out-of-school-settings-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak>

Keeping our children and families, staff and local community safe is our priority. It is vital that we follow government guidance and the advice from the local Public Health England Health Protection Team. We realise that you may have questions about the situation: if this is the case please email office@samworth.tgacademy.org.uk. Please note that we will not be able to discuss any details relating to the individual case but will do our best to answer any general questions that you may have as promptly as we can.

Thank you for your support in helping to keep everyone at our school safe.

Yours sincerely,

Mr A Wilkinson

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