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Dear Parent / Carer

I hope that you have all enjoyed the sunshine over recent days and that students have enjoyed the half term break.

Although I wouldn't normally write to you in the holidays, this letter is to notify you that we have been advised of further cases of COVID-19 within the school community. The yellow highlighted section of the letter below is also a reminder of the need to routinely test to avoid infected individuals coming into school.

Further details

Case 1

A student in Year 7 experienced symptoms on Friday evening and took an LFD test which was positive. A PCR test was then booked and the result of this was also positive. Thankfully the student only experienced mild symptoms and has recovered well at home.

We have been liaising with Public Health England and the local Health Protection Team. To determine whether the individual has been in contact with others who might be at risk, they are using the following time frames:

- If symptomatic: 2 days before onset of symptoms until 10 days after onset of symptoms
- If asymptomatic: 2 days before date of test until 10 days after date of test

The student was in school during the risk assessment period. Close contacts have been identified and students informed.

Case 2

Another Year 7 student took a LFD test on Sunday evening (as part of the twice weekly testing) and the result was positive. This student has not had any symptoms and a PCR test has been booked to confirm the result. In this case, the student was not in school during the risk assessment period.

Reminders

Although restrictions are now easing, it is important that we remember that we still need to be cautious and maintain our control measures. Your support with the following is essential:

- We are relying on parents / carers keeping children at home if they are displaying any symptoms at all. If students are tested, then it is important that they do not come back into school unless they have received a negative test.
- Students should be taking an LFD test twice each week (Sundays and Wednesdays) and results reported to the NHS and via School Screener. The test on Sunday 6th June is especially important as students return after the half term break.





- If any member of the community (staff or student) has tested positive, then that individual should not return to school until they have completed a 10-day isolation period. After this period, they can return to school as long as they are not showing symptoms. There is no need for a further test to be taken (unless advised by a medical professional).
- If you are notifying us of a confirmed case, please contact us using the dedicated email address positivetest@solihull.tgacademy.org.uk
- To report student absence, please use this [link](#) on the Academy website

COVID-19 Symptoms

The common symptoms of COVID-19 are:

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

If you, or anyone in your family, has any one or a combination of any of these symptoms now or in the future, you should arrange to get a PCR [test](#). You and anyone you live with should stay at home until you get your test result. You usually have to self-isolate for 10 full days if you've tested positive or have been in close contact with someone who has. 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.

Precautions

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

- wash your hands with soap and water often – 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 your sleeve (not your hands) 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 [Government](#).

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@solihull.tgacademy.org.uk. Please note that we will not be able to discuss any details relating to the individual cases but will do our best to answer any general questions that you may have as promptly as we can.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

Mrs C Smith
Principal

