



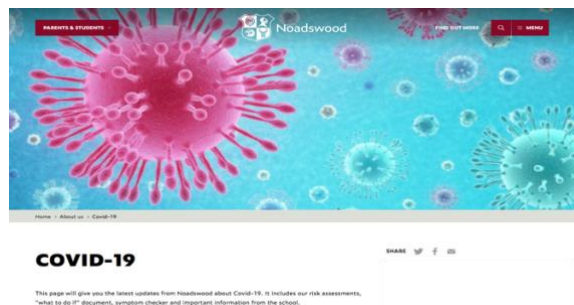
Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> October 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are writing to notify you that we have been made aware today of a member of our school community who 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 directly with the Department for Education and Public Health England in managing a positive COVID-19 case.

Please understand that due to data protection laws we are not able to share specifics with you about who has tested positive, and this is the case regardless of whom the school community member is. We continue to be rigorous in our daily practice for managing school operation safely which is in line with the school's risk assessment ([Noadswood website Covid-19](#)) and we have informed any community member if we believe they have been a close contact of the person with a positive test.



This letter is to inform you of the current situation and provide advice on how to support your child. Please could you discuss the content of this letter when they arrive home this evening and reassure them that the school continues to take all steps possible required to keep them safe in school and learning?

Please would you also remind your child that the wearing of a face covering remains a school requirement, for everyone able to do so, in all areas of the school where 2m plus distancing cannot be observed, and is always permitted and encouraged anywhere on and around our school site.

The school community member who tested positive and those identified as close contacts according to the guidance are now self-isolating. In this specific case no students have been identified as close contacts and therefore no students have been contacted and directed to self-isolate. This was confirmed with the Department for Education this morning.

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The school remains open and your child should continue to attend as normal if they remain well. Please continue to support us in keeping your child at home should they become unwell and unable to attend school and if they develop any one of the three main COVID-19 symptoms ([Covid-19 link](#)).

Contact the school via the usual attendance line to notify us of illness absence and immediately on [health@noadswood.hants.sch.uk](mailto:health@noadswood.hants.sch.uk) should they be presenting any COVID-19 symptoms.

**Important** Advice for schools  
**CORONAVIRUS SYMPTOMS IN CHILDREN**

A CHILD WHO DEVELOPS ONE OR MORE OF THE FOLLOWING SYMPTOMS SHOULD BE CONSIDERED AS A POTENTIAL CORONAVIRUS CASE:

- NEW CONTINUOUS COUGH**  
This means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or three or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if the child usually has a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- FEVER (TEMPERATURE OF 37.8°C OR HIGHER)**  
The child will also feel hot to touch on their chest or back
- A LOSS OR CHANGE TO SENSE OF SMELL OR TASTE**  
this means the child has noticed they cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal.

**MOST CHILDREN WITH CORONAVIRUS HAVE AT LEAST ONE OF THESE SYMPTOMS.**

- ✓** If a child is unwell with one or more of these specific symptoms they should be told not to come into school or sent home as soon as possible and advised to get a coronavirus test. **ONLY** those children with one or more of these symptoms or those advised by their clinician or Local Authority should get a test.
- ✗** Children reporting other symptoms such as a headache, sore throat, runny or sniffling nose, earache, itchy eyes, lethargy or tiredness **WITHOUT** a fever should **NOT** be treated as potential coronavirus cases or advised to take a test.

If the national guidance on symptoms of coronavirus in children changes, updated information will be provided at a local level as soon as possible. This information about coronavirus symptoms in children can be shared with all school teaching and administration staff as well as parents and carers where necessary.



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## Guidance from Public Health England regarding what any parent or carer should do if your child develops symptoms of COVID-19

If your child develops symptoms of COVID-19, they must not come to Noadswood 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 via the [gov.uk](https://www.gov.uk) link.

Guidance

## Stay at home: guidance for households with possible or confirmed coronavirus (COVID-19) infection

Updated 28 September 2020

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

If you are able, move any vulnerable individuals (such as the elderly and those with underlying health conditions) out of your home, to stay with friends or family for the duration of the home isolation period.

### 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)



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

If you or your child do develop symptoms, you can seek advice from the [nhs.uk](https://www.nhs.uk) website:



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/>

Thank you all for you continued support,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kathryn Marshall'.

Kathryn Marshall and the Noadswood Leadership Team