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Dear Parents/Carers,

### **Advice to all parents of a further case of Corona Virus at Conisborough College**

On Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November, we were made aware that a further member of our school community has tested positive for Corona Virus. This was at the same time as we were dealing with the unexpected power failure which led to the closure of the school today. I am pleased to confirm that the school will be open as usual from tomorrow, Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November and all students in Years 7-10 should attend, in full school uniform, at the normal time.

We know that you may find the further incident of corona virus concerning, but we are continuing to monitor the situation and are working closely with 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.

On this occasion, and in order to contain the spread of the virus, we have had to take the decision, in conjunction with the Local Authority and Public Health, to close down Year 11 until Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> November.

The school remains open for all students in Years 7-10 and your child should continue to attend as normal, as long as they remain well.

### **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/covid19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-households-with-possiblecoronavirus-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.

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.

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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-coronavirussymptoms/>

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-covid19/>

As you will know from our recent Zoom meetings, following the routines we have in school is so important. Please do reinforce this with your child. Wearing masks at the right time and in the right way, as well as following all instructions, is hugely important. **Please make sure your child has a supply of masks with them every day.**

Please do not send your child to school if there is any suggestion that they may be feeling unwell with Corona Virus symptoms. We do appreciate that at times it may be difficult to tell and with the pressure of work, sending your child to school may seem to be the only solution for parents. However, please err on the side of caution and keep your child at home that day, contact us at school and we will do our best to help you in line with all the guidance we have. We are doing all we can as a school community to contain the spread of the virus - please do support and help us with this. If your child has a Covid test, please contact us immediately at the school so we can take appropriate actions.

Best wishes to you and your families at this difficult time.

Yours sincerely

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