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Dear Parents, Carers and Staff

COVID-19 update: move to remote learning until Monday 19th July

As you are aware, we have unfortunately had a number of positive COVID-19 cases over the past week among pupils and staff. We have been working with Lewisham Council Education and Public Health teams to monitor the situation. This letter is to inform you of the current situation and provide advice. Please be reassured that for most people, being infected with COVID-19 will be a mild illness.

You may already be aware that COVID-19 infection rates are rising in Lewisham. For more information on the Lewisham COVID-19 infection rate please see: <https://lewisham.gov.uk/myservices/coronavirus-covid-19/health/the-lewisham-covid19-outbreak-prevention-and-control-plan>

Alongside this COVID-19 vaccination rates are relatively low in London, including Lewisham, in comparison to other areas of the country. At the moment, just over 60% of Lewisham residents aged 18 and over have received their first dose of COVID-19 vaccination and just over 40% have received both doses. For more information on Lewisham COVID_19 vaccination rates please see: <https://coronavirus.data.gov.uk/details/vaccinations?areaType=Itla&areaName=Lewisham>

Move to remote learning

Due to the number of staff isolating as contacts it is no longer possible to run the school on-site within required staff-student ratios. ALL student year groups will now move to remote learning until Monday 19th July 2021 to support our operational capacity to provide ongoing learning to pupils. (A small number of children with high support needs will be supported onsite by a skeleton staff.)

If your child has an Education Health and Care Plan they are entitled to be on site for the whole of next week. If your child attends a specialist provision group (The Resource Base or year SEND Nurture Group) and has not been directed to self-isolate they are to attend the school site as normal. If they have a mainstream EHCP and you wish them to complete their online learning at school with Teacher assistant support, they should as normal. Children with SEND who are working remotely from home, will be allocated virtual TA support wherever possible.

The key contact for SEND and Resource base provision is Ms Jones who can be contacted on sjones@conisboroughcollege.co.uk

All classes will continue use Show My Homework Remote Learning platform. Learning will be available on there from 9am on Monday (12th July). If you have any queries about Remote Learning, access codes etc. please contact your child's teacher on Show My Homework and they will respond to help. All classes will also have scheduled sessions via Zoom; information about timings and access codes for these will also be shared on Show My Homework.

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Thank you to everyone who has already completed fantastic learning on the platform.

Testing for COVID-19

Due to the number of cases across multiple year groups we have been advised to ask ALL pupils and staff to book a PCR test, unless you have already done so in the last 7 days having been identified as a close contact or have tested positive in the last 90 days.

If you have not already done so, please book a PCR test for your child via www.nhs.uk/coronavirus or by calling 119, free of charge. To reduce the risk to others you should only use a test site if you are unable to use the home PCR testing service.

Self-isolation

Those identified as close contacts of cases at the school have already received separate correspondence about self-isolation including details about how long to self-isolate for. The dates within that correspondence still stand.

What to do if your child's PCR test is positive

Please continue to inform the school if you are notified that your child has tested positive.

Please use the reception@conisboroughcollege.co.uk for any correspondence in relation to COVID-19.

Any child who tests positive should remain at home for at least 10 full days from the date the test was taken.

Your child should not leave the house for any reasons other than seeking medical attention.

All other household members who remain well must stay at home (self-isolate) and not leave the house for 10 full days. Household members should not go to work, school or public areas and exercise should be taken within the home. If you are asked to self-isolate, it is really important you stay at home even if you don't feel unwell. You could still be infectious and risk spreading COVID-19. If you are worried about self-isolating, help is available. Find out more by visiting the [Council's website](#) or calling 020 8314 3535.

Symptoms of COVID-19

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

- new continuous cough and/or
- high temperature
- a loss of, or change in, your normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia)
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As you are aware Covid has changed and there are a wider set of symptoms being seen more commonly now. These include:

Loss of appetite	Diarrhea	Nausea Vomiting	Extreme tiredness	Headaches
Joint pain	Muscle Ache	Runny nose	Sore throat	Sneezing

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

If your child does develop symptoms, you can seek advice from NHS 111 at:
<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/check-if-you-have-coronavirus-symptoms/>
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.

Hands

- Wash your hands regularly and for at least 20 seconds.

Face

- Cover your face in enclosed spaces, especially where social distancing may be difficult and where you will come into contact with people you do not normally meet.
- It is now compulsory to wear cloth face coverings on public transport, shops and several other indoor settings.

Space

- Stay 2 meters apart where possible, or 1 meter with extra precautions in place.
- Keep your distance from people who are outside your household or support bubble.
- Limit social gatherings (including abiding by the 'rule of 6') and avoid crowded places.

COVID-19 vaccination

Everyone aged 18 and over can now get vaccinated – book via www.nhs.uk/covid-vaccination or call 119, free of charge. Walk-in clinics have opened nearby including:

- *Lewisham Hospital, Lessof auditorium accessed via the Blue Zone* - Every Tuesday, Thursday and Friday – 8am – 4pm
- *Downham Health & Leisure Centre, BR1 5EP* - Every Saturday, 9am – 6pm
- *Vantage Pharmacy, 108 Conisborough Crescent, SE6 2SP* - Saturday 10th July, 9.30am – 5pm, Sunday 11th July, 9.30am – 5pm, Wednesday 14th July, 8.45am – 7pm, Friday 16th July, 8.45am – 7pm, Saturday 17th July, 9.30am – 5pm

No need to book, just walk in.

This Saturday 10th July there's a pop-up vaccination clinic at Millwall Football Club, 8am – 8pm. Lewisham residents aged 18 or over, can get a first jab by booking in advance. Walk-ins will also be available on the day. Second doses will also be available if it is at least eight weeks since the first dose.

UCKG HelpCentre in Catford will host a COVID-19 vaccination Q&A on Saturday 10th July at 12pm followed by a pop-up vaccination clinic on Saturday 17th July from 12pm - 4pm

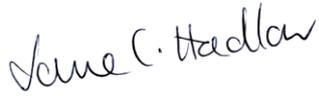
You can get more information on other vaccination sites in the borough in the following link – <https://selondonccg.nhs.uk/what-we-do/covid-19/covid-19-vaccine/pop-up-clinics/>

Further Information

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

We know that this is a difficult time for families and thank you for your support as we work to keep our school and wider community safe. If you have concerns or queries, please contact the school on reception@conisboroughcollege.co.uk and we will endeavor to support where we can.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jane C. Hadlow". The signature is written in a cursive style and is contained within a white rectangular box.

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Headteacher