

8th July 2021

Dear Parents/Carers

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

Today, Thursday 8th July we were made aware that a member of our school community has tested positive for Corona Virus. 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.

Your child has NOT been identified as a close contact of the case and they do not need to self-isolate.

The classes affected are:

7F	8A	9F	Year 10 RE Option group
	8C	9O	
	8D	9T	
	8F		
	8T		

What the school has done

We have undertaken a full risk assessment and everyone who has been in contact with the person who tested positive has been identified and advised to self-isolate. Your child has NOT been in contact with the positive case according to public health guidance and can continue to come to school as normal. This letter has been sent to all families in our setting to let them know of the current situation and provide advice on how to support their child.

The school remains open and providing your child remains well they can continue to attend school as normal. We will keep this under review.

On this occasion several classes across years 7 – 10 have been affected but the school remains open for all other students in all year groups. Students who have not been instructed to self-isolate should continue to attend as normal, as long as they remain well. **The Resource Base remains open as usual.**

What to do if your child develops 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, normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia)

As you are aware Covid has changed and there are a wider set of symptoms being seen more coming now. These include:

Loss of appetite	Diarrhoea	Nausea	Vomiting	Extreme tiredness
Headaches	Joint pain	Muscle ache	Runny nose	sore throat
Sneezing				

If your child displays any of these symptoms as well as or instead of the original ones listed, they should remain at home and do a PCR test. Please make sure that you let the school know what the outcome of the test is. Please do not send them into school.

It is important to maintain the testing routine at home in order to reduce the risk of transmission. If there is a positive Lateral Flow Device test this must be followed up with a PCR test.

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

If your child or anyone in the household does develop symptoms, you can seek advice from NHS 111 at:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms/> or by phoning 111.

If your child develops symptoms of COVID-19, they should get a test and remain at home for at least 10 days from the date when their symptoms appeared.

All other household members who remain well must stay at home and not leave the house for 10 days, unless the test result is negative. **Please inform the school of any symptoms and test results.**

The 10-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 10 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.

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 is available at: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid19/>

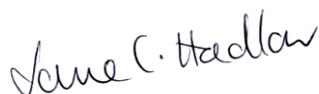
We know that this is a difficult time for families and thank you for your support as we work to keep our school and wider community safe

As you will know from our Zoom meetings, following the routines we have in school is so important, including the new testing routines. 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 be cautious 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. Please help support us to contain the virus. If your child has a positive Covid Test, please contact us immediately at the school so we can take appropriate actions.

Best wishes to you and your families.

Yours sincerely

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.

Mrs J Hadlow
Headteacher