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Dear parents/carers

COVID - 19

Some Questions & Answers

Why is it necessary for the school to move to remote learning?

Due to the number of staff self-isolating it is no longer possible to run the school on-site within the required staff-student ratios. With so many pupils self-isolating it has been decided an immediate move to remote learning for the remainder of this week is the best approach.

How can I get a PCR test?

You should book a PCR test by visiting nhs.uk/coronavirus or by calling 119.

You will be able to say that you have been asked to book a PCR test even though you may not have symptoms.

When should we get a PCR test?

Book a PCR test for your child as soon as possible and report the results to the school. Parents are asked to contact Student Services Option 1 on 0208 461 9600 and let them know the outcome. There is also a COVID email address at school for reporting COVID related issues. It is Covid19@conisboroughcollege.co.uk There is also a COVID Out of Hours Voice mail service on the school phone number 0208 461 9600 as Option

Why do we have to self-isolate?

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. You will have been told whether you need to get a PCR test but maintaining very regular LFD test is important.

If my child has tested positive, who has to self-isolate?

If anyone in your household or support bubble tests positive for COVID-19, you must stay at home (self-isolate) and book a PCR test immediately. If your child has received a positive test result, this means that everyone in your household or support bubble must also stay at home for ten days and follow the self-isolation rules.

If your child has been asked to self-isolate following close contact with someone who tested positive for COVID-19, they need to stay at home (self-isolate) but you and other members of your household do not (unless you go on to develop COVID-19 symptoms).

Has school followed the procedures correctly?

Following each positive case, a risk assessment has been conducted by Lewisham Public Health and Director of Education, have agreed that all the measures and actions that have been taken in response to the positive cases are adequate and that nothing more needs to be put in place.

What are the symptoms for COVID-19?

Initially we were told that the main symptoms are a loss of taste and smell and a high temperature.

The symptoms have changes with different variants of the virus.

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

- new continuous cough and/or
- high temperature and/or
- a loss of, or change in, your 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 commonly now. These include:

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

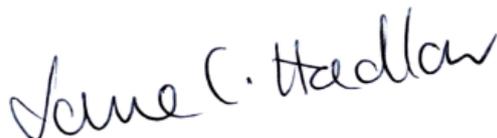
If your child displays any of these symptoms as well as or instead of the original ones listed, they should remain at home and do a PCR test. Please make sure that you let the school know what the outcome of the test is. Please do not send them into school.

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.

Please continue to be vigilant and we do advise that you use face coverings and hand sanitiser to prevent the further spread for the virus.

All our students have been issued with testing kits for use at home – please ask them for them, check their bags and carry out the test twice a week.

Yours faithfully



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