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Dear Parent/Carer,

Coronavirus (COVID-19) – Single Case in School: Advice to Parents/Carers

Today we have been made aware of a single confirmed case of COVID-19 within the school. The official advice that we have received states that this will not have a major impact on school and means that we can continue with on-site education as normal.

Whilst we have logged over 150 potential cases to date all, bar one, have been false alarms or produced negative test results. This is the first positive test result that we have had and we are pleased that our students have continued to attend school over the course of this half-term.

We know that you might find this situation concerning but we will continue to monitor the situation in school. Should we be required to take further action, we will work closely with Public Health England and follow their advice. This letter is to inform you of the current situation and provide advice on how to support your child, should this be required. Please be reassured that for most people, COVID-19 will be a mild illness.

The school remains open and providing your child remains well they can continue to attend school as normal. We will, of course, update our advice if required.

What to do if your child develops symptoms of COVID-19

If your child develops symptoms of COVID-19, they should 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 14 days. 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. 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 to, you can 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 the recent onset of:

- a new continuous cough and/or
- a high temperature
- a loss of, or change in, normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia).

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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.

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.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-to-educational-settings-about-covid-19>

Finally, **please keep us informed** at each step should your son/daughter/ward develop any symptoms of the virus and should they need to remain at home. This is best done via the Parent App or emailing us at school@isleworthsyon.org.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,



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