

13<sup>th</sup> October 2020

Dear Parent/Carer,

**RE: Confirmed Positive Case of COVID-19 at WMG Academy**

We are writing to inform you that there has been a confirmed case of coronavirus at WMG Academy Coventry; however, following advice from the Department for Education and the Coventry City Council Public Health Team, there is no further action needed and all students will continue to attend lessons onsite as normal.

You will be aware that the current guidance from the Government is that people who develop symptoms of COVID-19 should immediately self-isolate for 10 days, or until they have a negative test result. People who subsequently test positive must continue to self-isolate and inform those with whom they have had close contact and they must then also isolate for 14 days.

In the case that we have seen today, the person who has coronavirus was absent from the Academy for three days before they developed symptoms, which is longer than the 2-day incubation period. Subsequently, nobody within the Academy has been identified as a close contact, hence the decision to remain open to all students for onsite learning.

At this point in time you do not need to be unduly concerned, however should your son or daughter exhibit any of the following symptoms please book a coronavirus test and keep them and any siblings at home until you receive the result:

- a high temperature – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature);
- a new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or three or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual);
- a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal.

If you have any further questions regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact the Academy's main Reception on 02476 464661 or via email to [info@wmgacademy.org.uk](mailto:info@wmgacademy.org.uk).

Yours faithfully,



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### **Public Health England Advice**

Please see the link to: Guidance for contacts of people with confirmed coronavirus (COVID-19) infection who do not live with the person

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-for-contacts-of-people-with-possible-or-confirmed-coronavirus-covid-19-infection-who-do-not-live-with-the-person>

### **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. 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'.

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 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

Please see the link to the PHE 'Stay at Home' Guidance:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-households-with-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection>

### **Symptoms of COVID 19**

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, normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia)

**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

*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-covid-19/>