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Dear Parents/Carers

**Re: Confirmed cases of COVID-19 at Springfield School**

I am writing to inform you that we have a number of students across all year groups who have recently tested positive for COVID-19. We are continuing to monitor the situation and are working closely with Public Health England (PHE) and the local Council.

In line with the latest guidance the school remains open and your child should continue to attend as normal if they remain well. All staff and students, regardless of year group, should remain vigilant regarding COVID-19. The school continues to ensure that teaching areas are well ventilated, that frequently touched surfaces are cleaned regularly and that good hygiene, including regular handwashing, is promoted. We continue to recommend that students and staff wear face masks in corridors and busy communal areas where distancing is more difficult.

We wish to thank all those parents/carers who are ensuring their child is testing twice weekly at home and reporting results to school and Test and Trace. It is strongly advised that all students to continue with the routine of twice weekly asymptomatic lateral flow device testing at home.

As you will be aware, contact tracing is now carried out by NHS Test and Trace. If, however, you think your child is a close 'contact' but has not been contacted by NHS Test and Trace then you can arrange for your child to take a PCR test, even if they have no symptoms, because they may be at higher risk of being infected. Your child will not have to isolate while they wait for the results, but are recommended to avoid contact with anyone who is clinically extremely vulnerable.

Please continue to be vigilant for any symptoms, as is recommended for all members of the public. The most common symptoms 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)

If your child develops COVID-19 symptoms please let the school know. Your child should not come into school and they should get a PCR test as soon as possible by [booking a test on-line](#) or by calling 119.

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Please be reassured that for most people, coronavirus (COVID-19) will be a mild illness.  
Further information is available at: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-COVID-19/>

I attach also further general information provided by PHE for your reference.

Yours sincerely

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Enclosure

