



# THE BUCKINGHAM SCHOOL

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Dear Parent, Carer and Staff Member,

We have been advised by Public Health England that there has been a confirmed case of COVID-19 within year 9.

All of the students and staff members who need to self-isolate have been contacted and given advice. **Your child does not need to self-isolate.** However, if your child develops symptoms of COVID-19, you should keep them at home and arrange a test. 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)

### **What to do if your child develops symptoms of COVID 19**

If your child develops symptoms of COVID-19, they should remain at home and arrange a test immediately and within 5 days of their first symptoms. If they are unable to be tested within this timeframe, then they must self-isolate for 10 days and all other members of the household must self-isolate for 14 days. If they test negative, the individual and all other members in the household may cease self-isolation as long as no other member of the household has developed symptoms. If they test positive, they must self-isolate for 10 days from the date they receive their test results and all other household members must stay at home for 14 days. At the end of this period, as long as no other member of the household has developed symptoms and all members are well, they may all cease self-isolation.

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.

Please find attached a guide issued by Buckinghamshire Council, which clearly explains what to do in each instance.

If you are able to, 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.

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.

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## **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
- Keep two metres apart from people who are not in your household
- Wear a face covering (people aged over 11 years) in public places

## **Further Information**

Further information is available at <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>.

Keeping our children and families, staff and local community safe is our priority. It is vital that we follow Government guidance and the advice from the local Public Health England Health Protection Team. We realise that you may have questions about the situation. If this is the case please email: [office@buckinghamschool.org](mailto:office@buckinghamschool.org). **Please note that we will not be able to discuss details relating to any individual case** but will do our best to answer any general questions that you may have as promptly as we can. Please also be mindful that we are continuing to support students both in school and remotely during working hours and that it will not be possible to give immediate responses in all cases.

Thank you for your continued support. We will continue to work in the best interests of all our students and wider community so that they are kept safe and can continue to learn.

Yours faithfully



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