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Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope this letter finds you and your family well. I am writing to let you know that we have been informed of a Year 8 student testing positive for Covid-19 at the Academy. **No contacts have been identified as the student was not in school during the infectious period.** The student is now self-isolating and we wish them a speedy recovery. Again, we appreciate that this will be of concern, but would like to assure you that we are working closely with Public Health England and the Local Authority.

We have carried out a full risk assessment with Public Health England, who have confirmed that the Academy is following all recommended guidance and as such **is safe** to continue within our way of working. Longsands remains open and your child should continue to attend if they remain well.

Please can I ask that you help us keep your child, and all of our school community safe, by reminding your child of the steps we can take to help reduce prevent the spread of the virus. These are:

- 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

I would also like to remind all parents/carers that it is our expectation that all students wear a face covering when they enter a school building, change classrooms, queue for lunch and in any inside communal areas.

I have also attached the 'Covid-19 Related Absence from school – a Quick Guide for Parents/Carers' on the reverse of this letter as a reminder of the guidance we all should follow.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Wishing you and your families well.



Mr N D Owen
Principal

Covid-19 Related Absence from school – a Quick Guide for Parents/Carers

What should I do if?	Action needed ...
<p>My child is feeling ill with Covid-19 symptoms of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a high temperature – this means your child feels hot to touch on their chest or back • a new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours • a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste – this means your child cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal. <p>Most children with Covid-19 have at least one of these symptoms.</p>	<p>DO NOT SEND YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL.</p> <p>The whole household must self-isolate. Your child will need to isolate for 10 days from the start of symptoms; the rest of the household should isolate for 14 days.</p> <p>You should book a test for your child using this link here, or by phoning 119.</p> <p>Please note - <u>only</u> the person with symptoms should be tested and there is no need for others in the household to have a test, unless they also have any of the symptoms mentioned.</p> <p>Make sure you tell the school immediately about the result of the test.</p>
<p>My child is feeling ill with other symptoms such as a sore throat, runny nose or a headache.</p>	<p>You should act in the same way as you would have done before the pandemic. This may involve sending your child to school or keeping them at home, depending on the nature and severity of symptoms. Of course you should seek medical advice via your GP or NHS direct on 111 if you would normally do so.</p> <p>Please note – if your child has sickness or diarrhoea they should not return to school until 48 hours after the last bout of this, as is normal policy.</p>
<p>Someone in my household has Covid-19 symptoms</p>	<p>DO NOT SEND YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL.</p> <p>The whole household must self-isolate and the person with symptoms should book a test using this link here, or by phoning 119.</p>
<p>Someone in my household tests positive for Covid-19</p>	<p>DO NOT SEND YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL.</p> <p>The whole household should isolate for 14 days. The person who has tested positive must isolate for 10 days from the start of symptoms, and until there is no fever for 48 hours.</p>
<p>Someone in my household with symptoms tests negative for Covid-19</p>	<p>Your child can return to school, assuming they are well, and no one in the household or support bubble has any further Covid-19 symptoms.</p>
<p>My child tests positive for Covid-19</p>	<p>DO NOT SEND YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL.</p> <p>Your child must isolate for 10 days from the start of symptoms, and until there is no fever for 48 hours. The rest of the household should isolate for 14 days.</p>