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Dear Parent/Carer

We have been informed of two individual positive COVID-19 cases for students at Lister Park. We are pleased to inform you that the students only have mild symptoms and we are extremely grateful to the parents for contacting us to inform us of this case. As a result, we have contacted a small number of year 7 and 9 students who, after speaking with Public Health England and the DfE, are classed as having been in close contact with this student and therefore need to self-isolate for 14 days. If you have not been contacted by our senior leadership team, your child has not been in close contact with the individual concerned.

Please don't be alarmed, but it is a reminder that we all need to remain vigilant, both in school and in the wider community. If your child is not in the close contact groups identified and spoken with, they **must continue to come to school as normal**.

We are continuing to monitor the situation and are working closely with Public Health England. This letter is to inform you of the current situation and provide advice on how to support your child; please be assured that we will keep in regular contact.

Please see below, the direct advice and communication from Public Health England:

We know that for most people, coronavirus (COVID-19) will be a mild illness, but we all have a responsibility to ensure that we do all that we can to reduce transmission to others.

The school remains open to all students and, providing your child remains well, they can continue to attend school as normal. We will keep this under review.

What to do if your child develops symptoms of COVID 19

If your child develops symptoms of COVID-19, you should organise for your child to be tested via the NHS online portal or by calling 119. Your household should isolate until you receive the test results giving the all clear.

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)

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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

Further Information

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

I know that this is a lot of information to take on board at the start of term. If you have any questions or queries, please send these via MCAS. If you do not have access to the MCAS app, and you have a question you can email admin@oasislisterpark.org. You can call the Academy, but please be aware our phone lines may be busy.

Please rest assured that we will keep you updated on the current situation via text, your child's email address or the latest news section on the website.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Siân Dover".

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