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Dear Parent/Carer

We have been advised by Public Health England that there has been a confirmed case of COVID-19 within Oasis Academy Lister Park in Year 7. As you know, we have put extensive measures in place to ensure that our students and staff are as safe as possible as we have welcomed our young people back to school. As a result, we have contacted a small number of year 7 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, they must not come to school and 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'.

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

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.

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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 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.

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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If your child does develop symptoms, you can seek advice from the nhs.uk website at <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/check-if-you-have-coronavirus-symptoms/>. If you are concerned about your child's symptoms, or they are worsening you can seek advice from NHS 111 at <https://111.nhs.uk/> 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/>

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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 that reads "Siân Dover".

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