



Atlantic Academy

Part of the Launceston College Multi Academy Trust

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Dear Parents and Carers

I am writing to advise you that there has been a positive test for Covid-19 within the school community. As your child has been identified as within close contact of this individual within 48 hours of development of symptoms, we have been advised by Public Health England that your child needs to self isolate for 14 days from the date of last contact, which was **Friday 25th September**. The 14 day period of isolation will therefore end at the close of day on **Friday 9th October**. If your child is well at the end of the 14 day period of self-isolation, then they can return to usual activities and attend school from **Monday 12th October**.

Other members of your household can continue normal activities provided your child does not develop symptoms within the 14 day self-isolation period. For further details please follow the PHE Staying at Home Guidance :

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-households-with-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection>. This means that siblings who have not had close contact should attend school as normal.

If during the period of isolation 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. If you are unable to book a local slot then you can email d-ccg.devon.urgenttesting@nhs.net making clear that the test is for a child attending a Devon School, and you will be supported to access local testing. The symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) are a recent onset of:

- A continuous cough and/or
- A 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 appreciate that this will be an incredibly worrying time for your family and will cause considerable disruption. Please contact your child's coach if you have any concerns. We are committed to continuing the education of all students from home. The teachers of the subjects they would have from tomorrow will set work on google classroom and will be available on email to support. We will consider how we can link students into live lessons where possible. Should you need to borrow a chromebook to be able to access the google classroom, please contact the school office to arrange this.

If there is any further information or update, I will share this with parents and carers without delay.

Best wishes



Mrs Lynsey Slater
Principal