



# Atlantic Academy

Part of the Launceston College Multi Academy Trust

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Dear Parents and Carers

We have been advised today by Public Health England that there have been 2 further but unrelated confirmed cases of COVID-19 within the school community. We have sought guidance from the Department for Education, and have identified the students who have been in close contact with the affected individual, within the 48 hour period preceding symptoms; these parents will receive a separate additional letter advising them of the requirement for their child to self isolate until Friday 27th November.

We know that you may find this concerning but 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 reassured that for most people, coronavirus (COVID-19) will be a mild illness.

The school remains open and your child should continue to attend if they remain well.

## **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. If you are unable to book a local slot then you can email [d-ccg.devon.urgenttesting@nhs.net](mailto: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)

## **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
- wear a face covering when you cannot maintain a 2m social distance
- 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/>

As you will appreciate, this is a concerning situation for all members of the school community, and we ask you to remain calm and vigilant during this period. We are committed to maintaining education for students who are asked to self-isolate, and will facilitate this through the google classroom. Please contact your child's coach or the school office if you have any concerns, on Monday 16th November.

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

Best wishes



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