



Atlantic Academy

Part of the Launceston College Multi Academy Trust

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Dear Parents and Carers

Following your conversation with the school today, I am writing to confirm that there has been a further 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 **Monday 16th November**. The 14 day period of isolation will therefore end at the close of day on **Sunday 29th November**. 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 30th November**.

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)

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

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- 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/>

Our setting, and the cases we have experienced, have been reviewed today by the Department for Education, the Local Authority and the Devon public health protection team to ensure that all the required measures have been taken to reduce transmission risk within the school environment. They appreciate the concern that these cases will cause parents, students and staff and asked me to reassure you that the measures in place are appropriate.

We continue to ask you to remain calm and vigilant during this period, ensuring that all of the health protection measures listed above are followed. We are committed to maintaining education for students who are asked to self-isolate, and will facilitate this through the google classroom; this facilitates access to live lessons wherever possible. Should you need to borrow a chromebook in order to access the google classroom, please contact the school office.

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

Best wishes



Mrs Lynsey Slater
Principal