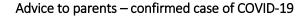# CITY OF DERBY ACADEMY

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Dear Parents/Carers

Advice to parents – confirmed case of COVID-19

We have been informed of another positive COVID-19 case in Year 11. This means that there has now been three confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Year 11.

Our immediate thoughts are with the students and their families and I am sure you with join me in passing on our best wishes.

Unfortunately, some students continue to attend school despite having symptoms of COVID-19. This increases the risks to all members of the school community.   We all have a duty of care to protect our loved ones from COVID-19. Therefore, you **MUST NOT** send your children to school if they have any symptoms of COVID-19.

We have worked closely with the Department for Education (DfE) and Public Health England (PHE) to agree on the following measures that have been put in place.

We have contacted the parents/carers of the students who have been in 'close contact' or proximity contact with the student who have received a positive test result. These students will now be self-isolating. In addition, students will be learning remotely from home.

The school will remain open for the rest of the students.

Please be assured that all preventative measures have taken place and will continue. Any classroom or other space that has been accessed by the student as already received an enhanced deep clean.

Students have been very responsible in following our control measures - including the introduction of face coverings since Monday 2nd November 2020. This will also be a good opportunity to remind them of the important ways in which they can continue to stop the spread of the virus and we would be very grateful if you would remind them of the important points below.

- Face coverings need to be worn when children are traveling to and from school (public transport and cars).
- All students must wear face coverings whilst moving around the school.
- As a reminder, students need to be sanitising their hands throughout the school day
- Students should adhere to the hand, face and space advice from the Government, where appropriate
- Students should support good respiratory hygiene - Catch it, Bin it, Kill it

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.gov.uk/get-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'.

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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.

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.

Symptoms

The most common symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) are recent onset of:
- A new continuous cough
- A high temperature
- A loss of, or changing in, your normal sense of taste and smell

For most people, coronavirus (COVID-19) will be a mild illness.

If you child or anyone in the household does develop symptoms, you can seek advice from NHS 111 at https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/check-if-you-have-coronavirus-symptoms/ or by phoning 111.

The safety of all of our children is our upmost important and I continue to do all that I can to keep them safe. If you have any further concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Yours sincerely

Mr P Smith
Headteacher