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Dear Parent & Carers

We have been advised by Public Health England that there has been a **confirmed** case of COVID-19 within the school.

This is a member of part-time non-teaching staff who had **no** contact with the children; and only brief contact with a few members of staff last Friday morning before going home poorly. This member of staff was not in school for three days prior to becoming ill. The procedure from Public Health England has been followed and we have liaised with the Department for Education and Local Authority about what to put in place. As a precaution, we have asked several other non-class based staff to temporarily self-isolate.

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

The school remains open and providing your child remains well they can continue to attend school as normal. We will keep this under review.

A reminder about the latest advice:

## **What to do if your child develops symptoms of COVID 19**

If your child develops symptoms of COVID-19, they 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.

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.

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 can, 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**

The most common symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) are recent onset of:

- new continuous cough and/or
- high temperature
- a loss of, or change in, normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia)

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

If your 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/symptoms/> 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 Further information is available at:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-to-educational-settings-about-covid-19>

Whilst this is obviously a worry, this situation is sadly inevitable despite our careful precautions and as numbers of confirmed cases rise nationally. We already know of several other Camden Schools where they have been similar incidence; these have resulted in bubbles of children not being allowed to come to school.

Please be reassured we have taken this and the advice given very carefully and there is no cause for further concern. We ask you to keep to our protocols for entry and exit which also now includes the wearing of face coverings.

Please speak to one of the SLT if you have any questions.

Yours sincerely

Robin & Mireille