



Principal: Dr Katharine Vincent

Friday 2nd October 2020

Dear parent/carer,

I am writing to advise you that there has been a confirmed case of Covid-19 within the student body at the school.

In line with national guidance, we have reported the case to the relevant authorities. The student concerned was absent from school at the time they developed symptoms. They were self-isolating throughout the period when they could have been infectious to others.

We have been advised that there is no risk to any other students or members of staff in the school and therefore no need for anyone else to self-isolate.

There are no students in your child's bubble that have been identified as close contacts of the affected student and there is no need for any students in the school to self-isolate at this time as a result of this case.

I want to take this opportunity to reassure you that we have taken swift action in this case. We have been advised about this case by Public Health England and the London Coronavirus Response Cell (LCRC). We are following all relevant guidance and will continue to do so.

All cases will be referred for advice to Public Health England and the LCRC, as well as the Department for Education. They have asked us to pass on the following information:

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. This will prevent further spread in the school.

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, 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 of COVID 19

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

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

REMEMBER: Please be reassured that for most people, coronavirus (COVID-19) will be a mild illness.

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 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 would also like to take this opportunity to remind you that all students and staff are required to wear face-masks around the UTC building, at all times except when they are in lessons.

Many thanks for your continued support during this time. If you have any questions at all, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Yours sincerely,

Dr K Vincent
Principal