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Dear Parents/Carers,

I am writing to inform you that we have had a slight rise in parents of pupils in school testing positive for Covid 19. The current guidance from public health is that the only pupils who need to isolate in instances such as this are those who were in immediate contact with the case (in these circumstances the children of the parent). Therefore some children have been sent home from classes this week to isolate.

As a matter of precaution, I am asking you to be alert to any changes in your child's health and to seek a test if they are unwell. I don't wish to cause you any alarm but as we are getting closer to Christmas my concern is for the safety and welfare of all of the families Healey school serves during what should be a happy time of year.

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 as advised in

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance>

You should arrange for testing for your child via

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance> or 111.nhs.uk or primary care

A negative test does not mean that your child can return to school earlier than 14 days. Your child can return to school when they are 48 hours symptom free. Household members can end their isolation straight away following the negative test, unless someone else in the household is waiting for the result of their test.

Symptoms of COVID 19

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

- new continuous cough and/or
- high temperature and/or
- 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 does develop symptoms, you can seek advice from NHS 111 at or <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/check-if-you-have-coronavirus-symptoms/> 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

- 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 is available at <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

Yours sincerely,

Matthew Hopkins

Head Teacher

