

Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2021

Dear Parent / Carer,

### **Advice for your child to self-isolate for 10 Days**

We have been advised that there has been a confirmed case of COVID-19 within Old Bank Academy.

We have identified that your child has been in close contact with the affected case. In line with the national guidance we recommend that your child now **stays at home and self-isolates up to and including 16<sup>th</sup> February 2021**. Your child must not go to school or any public areas: your child must remain at home. Further details of what your child needs to do are in NHS Guidance:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/testing-and-tracing/nhs-test-and-trace-if-youve-been-in-contact-with-a-person-who-has-coronavirus/>

We are asking you to do this to reduce the further spread of COVID-19 to others in the community. If you need support with isolation, please contact Kirklees Local Authority. Other members of your household can continue normal activities provided your child does not develop symptoms within the self-isolation period. If your child is well at the end of the period of self-isolation, then they can return to usual activities and return to school on **Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February** after the half term break.

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

For most people, especially children, COVID-19 will be a mild illness. The most common symptoms of 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)

If your child develops any of these symptoms of COVID-19, they should remain at home and arrangements should be made for them to be tested. At that time all other household members must also stay at home, not go to work, school or public areas, even for exercise.

Testing can be arranged by calling 119 or via the NHS website: [nhs.uk/coronavirus](https://www.nhs.uk/coronavirus). When the result of the child's test is known further advice will be available.



## 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 from Headteacher

The letter above was provided to me by Public Health England and I am required to send this out. It feels impersonal so I want to provide some further information here. I recognise that receiving this letter may be upsetting and frustrating. Our students have done all that we ask but this virus is such that simply sitting in a classroom or next to someone who has tested positive, requires action to prevent further spread.

Since receiving notification that a member of our academy has tested positive, I have spoken to Public Health England. This is currently an isolated case and requires all those who have been in close contact with the infected academy member, to self-isolate for 10 days. I have therefore:

- Been in contact with close contacts
- Contacted each of the child's teachers and identified, from the seating plan, all those
- students sitting next to, or in very close proximity to the infected member
- Identified any groups who may have been in close proximity to the positive case

In all the cases above, the time period stretches from 2 days prior to the symptoms being developed until the last contact with the academy member.

Your child should access their home remote learning via Google Classroom, as they have been doing in school. Please contact your child's class teacher/ school for further support with home learning next week. This will form the basis of the work your child needs to complete over the next 5 days and further information will be provided by the class teacher.

Finally, I appreciate how challenging this situation is for you and your family. If you require any support, please don't hesitate to contact the academy- [support@oldbankschool.co.uk](mailto:support@oldbankschool.co.uk). I'm afraid that this won't be the last such letter I write this year.

Yours faithfully,  
Mrs J Wood  
Headteacher