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## TO ALL PARENTS/CARERS

Dear Parent/Carer

As part of our commitment to communicate with you directly on any coronavirus developments, I wanted to inform you that one member of academy staff has tested positive with COVID-19. The member of staff's symptoms developed on Sunday and the individual is recovering well at home.

Public Health England guidelines determine that anyone who came into contact with this member of staff in the preceding 48 hours needs to self-isolate. As the academy was closed on Friday, this latest development does not affect learners at all and no additional learners will need to self-isolate. It does mean that three members of staff who came into contact with the colleague on Friday will need to self-isolate. Their lessons will be covered in the customary way.

I would like to reiterate that at this point in time you do not need to be unduly concerned, however should your son or daughter exhibit any of the following symptoms please book a coronavirus test and keep them and any siblings at home until you receive the result:

- a high temperature - this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature);
- a new, continuous cough - this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or three or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual);
- a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste - this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal.

Please be assured that we are following all professional advice to prevent any further escalation within The JCB Academy.

Yours sincerely



Mrs J McGuirk  
Principal