

17 September 2020

TO ALL PARENTS/CARERS

Dear Parent/Carer

I wanted to update you following the incidents of COVID-19 in our academy almost two weeks ago.

Thankfully it appears that both cases were isolated and the control measures we have in place at the academy have successfully avoided further escalation.

I wish to thank parents/carers who have helped by keeping learners with Covid-like symptoms off school and for getting a test. I can confirm that this applies to around 30 learners who have all received negative results.

The group of learners asked to isolate have now returned to the academy and over the last two weeks we have trialled live remote lessons using Google Meet. We plan to continue to use this where possible for learners who we may ask to self-isolate in the future.

It is really important at this stage that we remain extremely vigilant and that learners are reminded both at home and in the academy to keep their distance from their friends and to regularly wash their hands. If your son/daughter should exhibit any of the following symptoms please book a test and ensure your household isolates 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 will continue to follow all professional advice to prevent any further escalation within the academy.

Yours sincerely



Mrs J McGuirk
Principal