

9th September 2020

Dear Parents & Carers,

A NEW WAY OF WORKING

The first week has gone very well with students adapting successfully to our new operating procedures. We have thought long and hard about how to safely reopen and now need to get 180 staff, 1600+ students and 3000+ parents on message, day after day! It is early days as we seek to ensure that hand sanitiser, face coverings and bubbles etc... become second nature.

COVID-19 UPDATES

We have had one positive Covid test so far and whilst it is the first, it is unlikely to be the last over the coming months. I say this not to cause unnecessary alarm, but to reiterate the importance of everybody adhering to our system of controls. The Associate Director of Public Health complimented the school on our procedures and response to this first positive test.

Please remember and reassure your child that, for most people, coronavirus should be a mild illness.

The **symptoms** are:

- a new, continuous cough or worsening of a cough,
- and/or high temperature
- and a loss of, or change in, normal sense of taste or smell

We will continue to follow government guidance and act according to the advice of the local health protection team should incidences occur. As ever, our priority will be to ensure that students are safe, happy and successful.

We will continue to update key information regarding Covid-19 on our website. If you are uncertain what to do, please look there for official guidance rather than relying on other potentially misleading social media sources.

We have a three step process to tackling Coronavirus. These are:

1. Avoiding those with symptoms and keeping risk of transmission to a minimum.
2. Getting tested
3. Identifying and isolating contacts of positive cases.

To help keep your child and fellow student's safe, **your child should not come to school if:**

- They are feeling unwell or are experiencing any coronavirus symptoms (If in doubt, book a test. If positive, isolate for 10 days from start of symptoms)
- They have tested positive for coronavirus and are within the 10 day isolation period

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- They are sharing a household or support bubble with someone with symptoms (person with symptoms to be tested, if negative can return to usual activities; if positive, you must isolate for 14 days from last contact)
- They have been advised by the NHS test and trace service to self-isolate or aware they are a close contact of someone who has tested positive for coronavirus (isolate for 14 days from last contact)
- They have returned from abroad and government guidance states they need to quarantine for 14 days

In the event that your family has a positive Covid-19 test, please notify us immediately via Covid19@stratfordschool.co.uk. This will enable us to respond promptly.

You may find the following guidance useful in terms of ‘**Should I isolate?**’:

SITUATION	SHOULD I ISOLATE?
1. I have tested positive for Covid 19	Yes (for 10 days, +48hr after temperature resolves)
2. I have developed symptoms and not tested yet	Yes (until you test negative if the test is positive see above)
3. I have been told I am a close contact of a case	Yes (for 14 days, unless you develop symptoms and test positive, then see above)
4. A household member has developed symptoms and has not been tested yet.	Yes (until they test negative, if the test is positive isolate for 14 days)
5. A household member has been told to isolate as a close contact	No (be vigilant, if they start to feel unwell you will need to isolate until they test and its negative)
6. I visited someone within 2 metres who has now been told to isolate as a close contact	No (The person was not symptomatic, if within 48 hours of the visit they develop symptoms and test positive follow number 3)
7. I am a close contact of someone who tested positive, I've got tested however and I was negative	Yes (for 14 days, unless you develop symptoms and test positive, then see above)
8. My sibling is in another class and needs to self-isolate due to a Covid 19 positive case in their class. I am in a different class	No (They are not themselves a close contact of a positive case, if their sibling develops symptoms they will need to isolate)
9. My Nan is unwell, and I saw her 2 days ago	Maybe (Need to check if the Nan had Covid-19 symptoms, a positive test result and whether they were a close contact. If they were none of those then No. If they test positive, then follow number 3)

We have worked extremely hard over recent months to create the right environment for everybody to prosper. Please follow us on twitter [@StraUponAvonSch](https://twitter.com/StraUponAvonSch) or check the school website www.stratforduponavonschool.com for regular updates. Thank you for your understanding and ongoing support,

Yours sincerely,



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