

20 October 2020



Holderness Academy
& Sixth Form College

Dear Parent/Carer,

I am writing to inform you that we have received confirmation that a member of our school community has tested positive for COVID-19. It is our understanding that the transmission occurred outside of school.

Following government and local authority guidance the affected person and their family have now started their isolation.

After discussions with Public Health and the Local Authority Covid team, there is no need for self-isolation of any of our pupils or staff other than the individual who has tested positive as the individual was not in school for the 48 hours prior to their symptoms starting.

I would like to reassure you that our school is very careful to make sure everyone follows government and local authority guidance for cleaning and social distancing.

Should any member of your household start to display symptoms of COVID-19 please arrange to get them tested and inform the school immediately. The main symptoms of COVID-19 include:

- **a high temperature** – this means they may feel hot to touch on their chest or back (you do not need to take their temperature with a thermometer)
- **a new, continuous cough** – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if they usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- **a loss or change to their sense of smell or taste** – this means they may tell you that they cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different.

To book a free COVID-19 test, visit the NHS website or phone the NHS on 119:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/testing-and-tracing/get-a-test-to-check-if-you-have-coronavirus/>

You can get a test at a testing site, or by asking for a home testing kit. However, please comply with government guidance which states that you should only get a test if you have coronavirus symptoms or have been asked to get tested. This will help make sure people who need a test can get one.

Information about coronavirus (COVID-19) is available on the government website:

<https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>

The health, safety and wellbeing of our children and staff is extremely important to us and we thank you for your continued support.

Yours faithfully,

Mr S Wilson
Headteacher

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