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Dear parent or carer,

We have been made aware of more than one confirmed positive case of Covid-19 in Year 8.

**This letter is just for your information and you do not need to take any action at this stage.** However, we strongly urge you to ensure that your child is undertaking their twice weekly lateral flow tests at home on a Sunday and Wednesday. This is because 1 in 3 people have Covid-19 without displaying symptoms. If **all** students participate in regular testing, it gives us the best chance of keeping our school safe and avoiding further transmission.

**Lateral flow test kits will be available from school on Thursday 16th December as we are currently waiting on delivery.**

#### **What to do if your child develops symptoms of coronavirus (COVID 19)**

The main symptoms of Covid-19 are a new, continuous cough, or a high temperature, or a loss of, or change in, their normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia). If your child develops any of these symptoms, they should isolate immediately and arrange a test via [www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test](http://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test) or by calling 119.

In addition to the above main Covid-19 symptoms, if your child develops any of the following symptoms, it is also recommended they arrange a PCR test: *loss of appetite, sore throat, extreme tiredness, sneezing, headache, diarrhoea, joint or muscle ache, vomiting, nausea, rash, runny nose or congestion*. This is because these other symptoms have also been linked to Covid-19 infection. Individuals with any of these other symptoms (apart from diarrhoea and vomiting) **can carry on attending school** if they are well enough to do so. For more information, please visit [www.dudley.gov.uk/coronavirustesting](http://www.dudley.gov.uk/coronavirustesting)

#### **For most people, Covid-19 will be a mild illness**

If your child does develop symptoms, you can seek advice from the nhs.uk website at <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/check-if-you-have-coronavirus-symptoms/>. If you are concerned about your child's symptoms, or they are worsening you can seek advice from NHS 111 at <https://111.nhs.uk/> or by phoning 111.

#### **Further Information**

Further information is available at <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

Yours sincerely



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