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Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s)

Re: Advice to all parents - confirmed case of COVID-19 at King Edward VI College

Today we have been advised by Public Health England (PHE) that there have been two confirmed cases of COVID-19 within the student population. We know that you may find this concerning; however, please be assured that we are working closely with PHE and we continue to monitor the situation.

The health and welfare of the college community is of paramount importance to us. It is important for you to know that we are following government advice and we believe that the campus remains a safe environment where we are doing everything that we can to mitigate the risk of transmission.

All students who have been in close contact with the individuals who have tested positive for coronavirus (COVID-19) have received a letter asking them to stay at home and to self-isolate for 14 days. The college remains open to all other students.

We have been asked by PHE to share the following information with you.

Symptoms of COVID-19:

The most common symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) are recent onset of:

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

What to do if your child develops symptoms of COVID-19:

1. If your child develops symptoms of COVID-19, they should remain at home for **at least 10 days** from the date when their symptoms appeared. Anyone with symptoms will be eligible for testing and this can be arranged via <https://www.nhs.uk/ask-for-a-coronavirus-test> or by calling 119 .
2. All other household members who remain well must stay at home and not leave the house **for 14 days**. This includes anyone in your 'support bubble'. The 14-day period starts from the day when the first person in the house became ill. Household members should not go to work, school or public areas and exercise should be taken within the home. If you require help with buying groceries, other shopping or picking up medication, or walking a dog, you should ask friends or family. Alternatively, you can order your shopping online and medication by phone or online. Household members staying at home for 14 days will greatly reduce the overall amount of infection the household could pass on to others in the community.

3. If you are able, move any vulnerable individuals (such as the elderly and those with underlying health conditions) out of your home, to stay with friends or family for the duration of the home isolation period.
4. For most people, coronavirus (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/>
5. 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.
6. For more information, please see the link to the PHE 'Stay at Home' guidance: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-households-with-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection>
7. Guidance for contacts of people with confirmed coronavirus (COVID-19) infection who do not live with the person can be found here: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-for-contacts-of-people-with-possible-or-confirmed-coronavirus-covid-19-infection-who-do-not-live-with-the-person>
8. Additional COVID-related information is available at <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

How to stop COVID-19 spreading:

There are things you can do to help reduce the risk of you and anyone you live with getting ill with COVID-19:

- wash your hands with soap and water often – do this for at least 20 seconds
- use hand sanitiser gel if soap and water are not available
- wash your hands as soon as you get home
- cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or your sleeve (not your hands) when you cough or sneeze
- put used tissues in the bin immediately and wash your hands afterwards

If you have any concerns or questions, please do contact our Medical Welfare Officer, Aimie Chatfield (aimie.chatfield@kedst.ac.uk).

Yours sincerely



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