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Dear Parents/Carers

I am writing to inform you that we have received confirmation that a member of our Year 8 school community has tested positive for COVID-19 and your child has been identified as <u>not being</u> a close contact of the person concerned. Following government and local authority guidance the individual concerned and their family has already started household isolation.

Should your child start to get symptoms of COVID-19 please arrange to get them tested. 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-youhave-coronavirus/

If you would like to order a Lateral Flow Home Testing Kit please go to:

https://www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests

A reminder, 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.

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

In the event of your child or a member of your household developing symptoms or testing positive please inform the school immediately.

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 sincerely

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Mrs S Bone Headteacher

