



STANGROUND ACADEMY

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Dear Parent / Carer

We have been informed that there is a positive case of COVID-19 within the Academy.

In line with government and Public Health England advice, the affected student and some Year 10 classes, identified through our contact tracing process, are now self-isolating as a precautionary measure.

Our contact tracing and robust health and safety measures have allowed us to effectively respond to this case and ensure the school continues to be safe for all other pupils and staff. We are also working closely with the Department for Education and the Trust to ensure this risk continues to be minimised as much as possible.

In the meantime, we would like to take this opportunity to remind you of the steps that we can all take to reduce the risk of spreading infection. These simple measures are:

If your child, a household member or a member of your support bubble develops any of the following symptoms, we would ask that you **notify the school immediately** and arrange a test by visiting <https://www.nhs.uk/ask-for-a-coronavirus-test> or by phoning 119.

- a high temperature – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)
- a new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

You can also:

- 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

Further guidance is available on our website: www.stangroundacademy.org regarding your child's attendance.

As ever, we must all remain vigilant to the symptoms of Coronavirus. If anyone develops symptoms tests can be arranged via <https://www.nhs.uk/ask-for-a-coronavirus-test> or by calling 119.

Yours faithfully

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