



Dear Parents,

I am writing to let you know that a member of staff has tested positive for COVID-19 at Bramcote College.

The teaching member of staff was last in school on Monday 12th October. This staff member has had no symptoms and was supporting a Covid-19 Research Project whereby they submitted daily 'symptoms'. A random request for a test over the weekend revealed a positive test result last night.

We have spoken to PHE today and the advice is that there is no need for anyone in the school community to self-isolate because no 'close contact' was made with either staff or students.

The school remains open and your child should continue to attend if they are well. You may be concerned about these positive staff cases and I want to reassure you that we are following all the guidance. Teachers are not in close contact with pupils in our secondary setting. In addition, we have had no positive/confirmed cases in pupils in school years 7 to 11.

I want to take this opportunity to thank you and your child/ren for supporting us in this season. Now that Nottingham is in Tier 2, we will be asking students to be wearing face coverings in and around school, except in seated classrooms and outside. All staff now wear face coverings in and around school and have done so for over a week.

Could I also remind you that Friday is an INSET day.

## **School Policy on attendance**

### **Students MUST NOT attend school if:**

- **They have tested positive for COVID-19** and symptoms started in the last 10 days or are ongoing
- **Someone in the household has any of the suspected COVID-19 symptoms** (and has not received a negative test result)
- **They have had close contact with someone who tested positive** for COVID-19, within 48 hours of them developing symptoms or testing positive, within the last 14 days
- **They have been asked to self-isolate** by the Test and Trace service
- **They have returned from abroad within the last 14 days and are required to quarantine**
- **There is any other reason to suspect they may have COVID-19** and they have not yet received a negative test result

### **Suspected symptoms** identified in government and NHS guidance are:

- high temperature – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)
- 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)

- 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

If your child has **any suspected symptom** they must self-isolate and have a COVID-19 test as soon as possible. They **must not** return to school until they feel better and have either had a negative test result or 10 days has passed since they developed the symptoms.

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

If your child develops symptoms of COVID-19, they must not come to school and 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.

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’. Household members should not go to work, school or public areas and exercise should be taken within the home. The 14-day period starts from the day when the first person in the house became ill.

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.

Further information is available at: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-households-with-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection>

I appreciate that this news may be concerning for you. In these very difficult times, our priority as a school is to prevent the transmission of coronavirus within our school and wider community, and to maintain the quality of provision for all of our students whether or not they are able to attend site. We are taking every practical measure to prevent the transmission of coronavirus within our school, in line with government guidance for schools, and we are continuing to develop our remote provision to minimise any disruption to learning.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs H Gale  
Headteacher