



ILKLEY GRAMMAR SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers,

This letter is to make you aware that we have had our first confirmed case of a student with COVID-19 at Ilkley Grammar School today in Year 7 and have liaised with Public Health England on the steps we need to take as a result.

I'd like to reassure you that the school remains open and that your child should continue to attend as normal if they remain well, unless we have already been in touch with you to advise that your son or daughter now needs to self-isolate as a 'close contact' of the student.

Because of the way we have been able to timetable Year 7 in relatively small bubbles, there are only approximately 60 students from that year group who are now required to stay at home as close contacts of the confirmed case in school and/or socially.

Those students have already been contacted directly by school / received an individual letter and are now staying at home for 14 days from when the student first displayed symptoms which was last Friday. For all other students they should continue to attend school as normal, including those in Year 7 not already contacted.

We appreciate that you may find this confirmed case at IGS concerning, but please be reassured that for most people, coronavirus (COVID-19) will be a mild illness. Also, please be assured that our health and safety measures in school remain robust, with enhanced hygiene and cleaning regimes in place; we will now continue to monitor the situation and work closely with Public Health England and will be in touch if there are any further updates or cases.

The information below is from Public Health England and is intended as a timely reminder about what you should do if your child develops symptoms and how we can all do our bit to help stop the spread of the virus. We would be grateful if you could take the opportunity to read through this with your family at home and reinforce any key messages with your son or daughter as appropriate.

With best wishes,

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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'.

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>

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

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.

Symptoms

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

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

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/>. 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.

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

Do

- 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 Information

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