



20th September 2020

COVID update: Cedar Mount Academy

Dear Parent/Carers,

We have been advised that there has been a confirmed case of COVID-19 within the academy. This case is unrelated to the previous case

We have carried out a full risk assessment and identified all those who have been in close contact with the affected case and have recommended that they stay at home and self-isolate until 14 days after their last contact.

If you were not contacted directly by our team and informed of the need to self-isolate then your child has **not** been identified as a close contact and therefore **does not need to make any change to their usual routine, including attendance at the academy.**

The most common symptoms of COVID-19 are recent onset of a new continuous cough and/or a high temperature and/or a loss of, or change in, normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia). If your child, or anyone in your household, develops these symptoms, your whole household must remain at home and not go to work, school or public areas. You should arrange testing for the person who has developed symptoms. When the result is known further advice will be available.

Testing can be arranged by calling 119 or via the NHS website: www.nhs.uk/coronavirus

There are things we can all 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



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- put used tissues in the bin immediately and wash your hands afterwards
- maintain an appropriate social distance with non-household members of over 2 metres.

Further information is available at www.nhs.uk/coronavirus

How can you help?

The chances of your child being ill, even if infected, are extremely small, but I understand the concerns that such a situation brings to everyone. The academy is doing all it can to minimise the chances of infection, including a regular cleaning regime, rules around the wearing of face coverings, keeping year groups separate and reminding students about the need for social distancing. Any students we have self-isolated have been done so to maximise the safety of everyone in the academy.

Can I ask all families to play their part in keeping everyone safe. Remind your child about safe behaviour when traveling to school, when on public transport, when travelling home, when at home and when in the community. I have been mightily impressed by the action of our students, but we must be vigilant and keep following instructions.

As always, do not hesitate to contact us should you require any further information.

Yours sincerely,

Mr K G Hodgson

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'K G Hodgson', written in a cursive style.

Principal