



St Martin-in-the-Fields High School for Girls

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Inform and Advise Letter - Confirmed Positive Case of COVID-19

Dear Families

I am sorry to write again. We have been advised of another case where a student in Year 8 has tested positive for coronavirus. These are isolated cases, but do represent what is going on in the community, where cases seem to be on the increase. Therefore, please remind your child about hand washing, using sanitiser and wearing a face covering if they are not able to maintain distance. Today I had a conversation with Lambeth Public Health who were satisfied that we were following our risk assessment and the guidance in relation to dealing with cases and ensuring we had covid mitigations in school.

What the school has done

We have done a full risk assessment and everyone who has been in contact with the person who tested positive has been identified and advised to self-isolate. Your child has NOT been in contact with the positive case according to public health guidelines and can continue to come to school as normal. This letter has been sent out to all families in St Martin's to let them know of the current situation and provide advice on how to support their child.

What you need to do

St Martin's remains open and if your child is well, they can continue to attend as normal. We are continuing to monitor and review the situation.

Please do be alert for the symptoms of coronavirus which are a:

- high temperature
- new continuous cough
- loss of, or change in, normal sense of taste or smell

See www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms or phone 111

If your child develops ANY of the three main symptoms of COVID-19, they should get tested as soon as possible. Please be reassured that for most people, especially children, coronavirus (COVID-19) will be a mild illness.

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:

- 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
- keep your distance and wear a face covering in confined spaces and public places

We know that this is a difficult time for families and thank you for your support as we continue to work to keep our school and wider community safe. For more information visit the government website [What parents and carers need to know about early years providers, schools and colleges during COVID-19](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-during-covid-19)

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