

# Sir Robert Pattinson Academy

Via Diversa Vita Una



25 September 2020

Dear Parent/Carer

I am writing to you because we have been advised by the LCC Health Protection Team to send home some children from Year 9 as one student has tested positive for Covid-19. This is with immediate effect and for a duration of 14 days.

I have been informed at 3.25pm today that a child who has not been in school since last Tuesday, 22 September, has since tested positive.

On the advice of the Health Protection Team, only those children who have had contact with this youngster need to self-isolate for 14 days since the last contact – they do not need to be tested unless they become symptomatic and their household do not need to self-isolate unless they get symptoms.

**All parents affected will be notified individually if their child should remain at home.**

We know that you may find this concerning but we are continuing to monitor the situation and are working closely with Public Health England. This letter is to inform you of the current situation and provide advice on how to support your child. Please be reassured that for most people, coronavirus (COVID-19) will be a mild illness.

The small number of children who have been in direct prolonged contact with the confirmed case will have received an individual letter and will be staying at home for 14 days since their last contact with the child, which was on Tuesday 22 September, therefore they should stay at home for 14 days and return on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> October.

**The school remains open and your child should continue to attend if they remain well.**

### **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. More information can be found regarding testing here <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/nhs-test-and-trace-how-it-works>

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).

If your child or anyone in the household does develop symptoms, you can seek advice from NHS 111 at <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/check-if-you-have-coronavirus-symptoms/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)



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- when you cough or sneeze put used tissues in the bin immediately and wash your hands afterwards

Further information is available at <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

Remote learning will be available by 9am each Monday morning for all affected pupils and will be published on our website as usual.

If you wish to contact us with any queries related to this please do not hesitate to do so on 01522 882020 or via email at [enquiries@srpa.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@srpa.co.uk).

Yours sincerely



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