



Hamilton Academy
ESPRIT Multi Academy Trust
Barthomley Road, Birches Head, Stoke-on-Trent, ST1 6NW
Telephone: 01782 234420 Email: hamilton@espritmat.org
Executive Principal & Designated Child Protection Officer: Mrs S Moran
Academy Principal & Deputy Designated Child Protection Officer: Mrs Y Glaister

'Every child deserves to be the best they can be'

Our ref. YG.GA

17th June, 2021

Dear Parents/Carers

We have been made aware of a member of our school community, within our Year 2, who has tested positive for COVID 19 with a Lateral Flow Test and is now accessing a PCR Test.

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 year group who has been in close contact with the individual who has tested positive for coronavirus (COVID-19) have received a letter informing them that their child must stay at home for 10 days if the results of the PCR Test is positive.

The school remains open and your child should continue to attend as normal if they remain well (no COVID-19 symptoms).

Please be reassured that we continue to follow our risk assessment which reflects the government guidelines closely. This includes ensuring that enhanced cleaning continues together with strict hygiene measures for both staff and children.

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 **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 10 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>



PLEASE UPDATE THE ACADEMY OFFICE IF YOUR CONTACT DETAILS CHANGE



Hamilton Academy
ESPRIT Multi Academy Trust
Barthomley Road, Birches Head, Stoke-on-Trent, ST1 6NW
Telephone: 01782 234420 Email: hamilton@espritmat.org
Executive Principal & Designated Child Protection Officer: Mrs S Moran
Academy Principal & Deputy Designated Child Protection Officer: Mrs Y Glaister

'Every child deserves to be the best they can be'

The 10-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 10 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



PLEASE UPDATE THE ACADEMY OFFICE IF YOUR CONTACT DETAILS CHANGE



Hamilton Academy
ESPRIT Multi Academy Trust
Barthomley Road, Birches Head, Stoke-on-Trent, ST1 6NW
Telephone: 01782 234420 Email: hamilton@espritmat.org
Executive Principal & Designated Child Protection Officer: Mrs S Moran
Academy Principal & Deputy Designated Child Protection Officer: Mrs Y Glaister

'Every child deserves to be the best they can be'

- 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

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

Yours sincerely

Y. Glaister

Mrs Y Glaister
Principal



PLEASE UPDATE THE ACADEMY OFFICE IF YOUR CONTACT DETAILS CHANGE