



# Montgomery Academy

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## **Advice for Year 9 Population child to Self-Isolate for 10 Days**

Dear Parent or Carer of Year 9 students identified as close contacts at Montgomery Academy,

Unfortunately, we were made aware this morning that a student in Year 9 population A student had tested positive on a lateral flow test (LFT) for coronavirus (COVID-19) after going home yesterday. The student tested negative on Sunday, but positive on Monday. We also had a member of staff test positive on Sunday. After looking at the classes that the student and member of staff were in on both Friday and Monday, in consultation with the Department of Education, have decided to request that Year 9 population A students should self-isolate from today. All Year 9 population A were sent home this morning as soon as we had spoken to parents to carers.

Therefore, following national guidance your child has potentially been a close contact of the student and/or the member of staff. In line with the national guidance your child must stay at home and self-isolate for 10 days until **Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> May 2021**. This means that their first day back in school will be **Friday 21st May 2020**.

In this case, we have followed the guidance that states that we should work on the principle that the LFT test was accurate until a PCR test confirms a different outcome. The student concerned had a PCR test this morning so we await the result. If the PCR test comes back negative and the student has no symptoms, then we will contact parents to arrange Year 9 population A's return to school.

Your child will be able to access the remote learning for Year 9, such as Google Classroom, Seneca and Hegarty, over the next 10 days. If they have any issues accessing it then please contact us. Password resets can be done through emailing

**[remotelearningissues@montgomery.fcat.org.uk](mailto:remotelearningissues@montgomery.fcat.org.uk)**

If your child is well at the end of this period of self-isolation, then they can return to usual activities.

Other members of your household can continue normal activities provided your child does not develop symptoms within the self-isolation period outlined above. Please see the link to: Guidance for contacts of people with confirmed coronavirus (COVID-19) infection who do not live with the person

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-for-contacts-of-people-with-possible-or-confirmed-coronavirus-covid-19-infection-who-do-not-live-with-the-person>

### **What to do if your child develops symptoms of COVID 19**

If your child develops symptoms of COVID-19, they 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.

People who do not have symptoms should not request a test unless this has been specifically requested by Public Health England or the local authority.

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'. 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

Please see the link to the PHE 'Stay at Home' Guidance: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-households-with-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection>

### **Symptoms of COVID 19**

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

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

- 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**

Further information is available at

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

Yours sincerely



Headteacher