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Advice to All Parents/Carers

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COVID-19 information letter to parents and carers

Dear Parent/Carer,

There has been a confirmed case of COVID-19 within Lasswade High School.

Everyone who has been in close contact with the confirmed case has been identified, contacted and advised to stay at home and self-isolate for 10 days, and to get tested.

The school has multiple control measures in place against COVID-19, supported with regular testing of staff, to limit any risk of onwards transmission with the school environment.
However, if there are any further cases of COVID-19 in the school, we will work with the school to ensure these individuals, and any of their close contacts, are advised to self-isolate promptly.

In addition, if there are any further important updates we will communicate this to the school community.

The school otherwise remains open in line with current Scottish Government guidelines, however all S3 students will undertake learning from home on a remote basis until Monday 21 June 2021. If your child has **not** been advised that they are a close contact, is in any year-group other than S3, and remains well, they can continue to attend school as per your school's current arrangements.

If you have been advised that your child has been identified as a close contact of someone who has tested positive for COVID-19, please follow the information outlined in that separate letter. The information below is general information for parents/carers whose children have **not** been identified as a close contact.

What to do if your child develops symptoms of COVID-19

−   If your child develops any symptoms of COVID-19 they must not come to school. They should stay at home from when their symptoms started, self-isolate, and get tested for COVID-19. Find out more on [NHS Inform]. The symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) are:
    o   a new continuous cough and/or
    o   a high temperature and/or
    o   a loss of, or change in, taste or smell (anosmia).

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- All other household members of your child (including yourself) must also stay at home and self-isolate as well until the result of the test is received. The household should then follow the advice that will be given with the test result.

- If the test is positive, your child should remain in self-isolation for at least 10 days from the date their symptoms started, and the rest of the household must remain in self-isolation for the full 10 days from the day when your child first had symptoms:

  o Household members should not go to work or school. No one should visit your house. No one should leave your house to go to shops, public areas, or use public transport. See website below for more information. https://www.gov.scot/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-test-and-protect/pages/who-needs-to-self-isolate/

  o Staying at home for 10 days will help stop the spread of coronavirus

  o If someone else in the household goes on to develop symptoms of COVID-19 in this 10 day period, then they should continue to self-isolate and arrange to be tested.

- If your child's test is negative, they can come out of isolation and return to school if they are well enough to do so (as per standard school illness policy), and they have not had a fever for 48 hours. The rest of the household can also come out of self-isolation and return to their usual activities.

- **It is important** that anyone with one or more of the COVID-19 symptoms gets tested, so that anyone who tests positive knows to continue to stay at home (with their household) and self-isolate. This will help stop the spread of coronavirus.

For most people, coronavirus (COVID-19) will be a mild illness.
If your child develops symptoms you can seek advice from NHS Inform.

How to stop COVID-19 spreading
There are things you can do to reduce the risk of you and anyone you live with getting ill with COVID-19. *Do*:

- regularly wash your hands with soap and water 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 straight in the bin and wash your hands.

Further Information
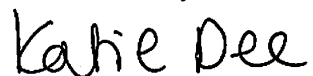For School related Coronavirus Frequently Asked Questions:
https://www.nhslothian.scot/Coronavirus/Parents/Schools/Pages/default.aspx

For general Coronavirus Frequently Asked Questions and information:

https://www.parentclub.scot/topics/coronavirus/coronavirus-faq?age=0

https://www.nhsinform.scot/illnesses-and-conditions/infections-and-poisoning/coronavirus-covid-19

Yours sincerely

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