



Monday 21st September 2020

Update regarding Confirmed cases of Covid19 at Northmoor Academy

Last week we informed parents, staff and the community that two pupils at our academy have tested positive for Covid-19. The two pupils were from the same family. As a result, we made the decision **to close the Year 6 Onyx Class and Year 3 Garnet Class**. The children and staff members were told self-isolate for 14 days. This means they will stay at home until Friday 25th September.

Today we have also been informed that another family have received positive test results and that there are confirmed cases of Covid19 in the family. To protect our staff, our children and their families **we have closed three additional bubbles, the Y5 Jet, Y2 Topaz and the Y1 Sapphire classes**. This means that they will stay at home until Friday 2nd October.

As an academy and Trust we are working closely with Oldham's Public Health Team to reduce the risk of infection for our children and our staff. We are taking a range of measures and precautions as identified in our risk assessment and will do all that we can to keep everyone safe.

Although families may be worried, **it is safe for all other pupils to return to school**. We have taken a range of measure to ensure that we are adhering to the government's guidelines for schools.

It is important that we are all aware of the symptoms of Covid19 and only well children and staff attend school or childcare settings.

The main symptoms of coronavirus are:

- high temperature
- new, continuous cough –this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours
- loss or change to your sense of smell or taste –this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal.

If your child or any member of the household develops any of these symptoms then you should arrange to be tested. You can do this by searching 'Book a coronavirus test online' or by calling 119. There is also a walk in testing units in Oldham where you do not need an appointment.

If you have any questions please get in touch with the academy using info@northmoor.theharmonytrust.org