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Parents / Carers of Pupils at Lockerbie Academy

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Dear Parents / Carer

LOCKERBIE ACADEMY**ADVICE TO PARENTS / CARERS OF CHILDREN USING THE NUMBER 382 SERVICE BUS**

We have been advised by the NHS Dumfries and Galloway's Health Protection Team (HPT) that there has been a confirmed case of COVID-19 within Lockerbie Academy. This letter is to inform you of the current situation and provide advice from public health on how to support your child.

To confirm, the individual who has tested positive travels to school on the Gretna to Lockerbie Academy bus (382 service bus) which is the same bus used by your child.

Contact tracing processes have been activated and any member of our school community who has been identified as a close contact with the confirmed case has been contacted or still to be contacted by the Test and Protect team, and will be isolating or will have to isolate at home for the 14-day period.

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

The school is working in partnership with NHS Dumfries and Galloway, Public Health Scotland, and our Council response team. This multiagency group has assessed the infection and prevention control plans that are in place in the school, and they have confidence in the measures we have introduced to manage the situation.

School Transport

All pupils using either school transport or public transport to get to school are expected to wear a face covering. This face covering should be worn for the duration of the journey (unless they have a medical reason which indicates that they should not be wearing one). It is important that all pupils wear their covering whilst they travel on the bus. This will help up protect each other and reduce the spread of coronavirus. Can parents please speak to their child/ren to reinforce the importance of wearing a face covering on school transport.

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. All other household members who remain well must stay at home and not leave the house for 14-days.

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, public areas or use public transport.

<https://www.gov.scot/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-test-and-protect/pages/who-needs-to-self-isolate/>

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.

Anyone with symptoms will be eligible for testing. The final period of isolation will depend on the outcome of the test.

Further information on testing can be found at <https://www.nhsinform.scot/>.

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

- new continuous cough and / or
- high temperature – 37.80C or above
- a loss of, or change in, normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia)

For most people, coronavirus (COVID-19) will be a mild illness.

If your child or anyone in the household does develop symptoms, you can seek advice at <http://www.nhsinform.scot/>.

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

Yours sincerely



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