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To Parents and Guardians of Some Students at Lockerbie Academy

Potential Exposure to Covid-19 infection in the local area – FOR INFORMATION

Over the last few weeks we have become aware of more cases of Covid-19 infection in the local area, including within the school community.

We recently became aware of a student testing positive for Covid-19 using the new Lateral Flow Devices and although they were sharing a classroom, we do not believe that your child has been in sufficiently close contact to cause concern. This is because the school has very good Covid-19 measures in place and the fact that the students are taking mask-wearing and social distancing very seriously.

However, you should be aware of the greater number of cases of infection locally and be vigilant for signs of possible infection.

For most people, Coronavirus will cause a mild illness, with the most common symptoms being:

- New continuous cough
- A fever, high temperature (above 37.8° C), or feeling cold or shivery
- A loss of taste or smell

If your child, or anyone in the household, develops these, or similar, symptoms (even if mild) you should arrange testing, and remain in isolation until the result is available.

Further help and advice is available through the www.nhsinform.scot website, or by phoning the helpline (0800 22 44 88). If your child develops symptoms, and you are concerned about their well-being, please phone your GP, or 111 out of hours.

You may also talk to the NHS Dumfries & Galloway Contact Tracing Team on 01387 241350 if you have specific questions about possible contact with COVID-19 infection.

Finally, we ask you to avoid posting personal criticism, speculation, and comment on social media. The virus spreads easily and can affect anyone; personal comments directed at members of the school community can become bullying and may be very harmful. The school team, along with the Public Health Department are working hard to contain the infection, and appreciate the support given by the wider community in this task (Do we still need this paragraph?).

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