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To Parents and Guardians, Lockerbie Academy

**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 do not believe that your child has been in close contact with anyone who has the infection, and so at the moment is at no greater risk of developing Covid-19 themselves. However, you should be aware of the greater number of cases of infection locally and be vigilant for signs of possible infection.

If your child, or anyone in the household, develops coronavirus symptoms (even if mild) you should arrange testing, and remain in isolation until the result is available. They should be tested using a PCR Laboratory based test, even if they have tested negative with an LFD home-test kit, or have been vaccinated.

Details of the local testing sites are available on the NHS Dumfries & Galloway website – [www.nhsdg.co.uk/testing](http://www.nhsdg.co.uk/testing)

Further help and advice (including test booking) is available through the [www.nhsinform.scot](http://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 would ask you please if you could avoid posting speculation on social media. The virus spreads easily and can affect anyone. The school team, along with the Public Health Department are working hard to contain the infection, and greatly appreciate the support given by the wider community in this task.

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