



15<sup>th</sup> September 2020

Dear parents and carers

We have been advised that there has been a confirmed case of COVID-19 within the school community.

As you would expect we undertook immediate action. We have carried out a full risk assessment and identified anyone who has been in close contact with the affected case. Furthermore, we promptly reported the positive case to the Tameside Public Health Protection Team who have advised us on the steps we needed to take. The parents and carers of students in the group that may have had close contact, have already been contacted. These students are now self-isolating and continuing with their learning at home via our [Home Learning](#) platform on the school website and Google Classroom. We have been informed by Tameside Public Health Protection that there is no need to ask anyone else within the school community to self-isolate for now.

Due to the rising cases locally (and indeed nationally) it was probably inevitable that there would be a positive case at some time. The reality is that Denton Community College as with all educational establishments is not 100% immune to infection. That is impossible but we are not complacent. We remain alert and are doing everything we can to ensure we remain COVID-19 secure. We have robust risk assessments in place and are taking all steps possible to minimise risk on a day to day basis.

I ask all parents to remain alert and act swiftly if someone becomes unwell, to minimise the transmission of the virus. The most common symptoms of COVID-19 are:

- recent onset of a new continuous cough and/or
- a high temperature and/or
- a loss of, or change in, normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia).

If your child, or anyone in your household, develops these symptoms, your whole household must remain at home and not go to work, school or public areas. You should arrange testing for the person who has developed symptoms. When the result is known, further advice will be available. Please ensure that you contact school to keep us informed.

Testing can be arranged by calling 119 or via the NHS website: [www.nhs.uk/coronavirus](http://www.nhs.uk/coronavirus) There are things we can all do to help reduce the risk of you and anyone you live with becoming ill with COVID-19:

- 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 in the bin immediately and wash your hands afterwards
- maintain an appropriate social distance with non-household members of over 2 metres

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- wear a face covering as requested in school and in communal places where it may be difficult to socially distance
- follow local measures in place as outlined by the national government
- remember: Hands, Face, Space

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'G Rule', written over a light blue horizontal line.

Greg Rule, Headteacher