



Saturday 19th September 2020

Confirmed Covid-19 case, Severndale Specialist Academy

Dear Parent/Carer,

We have just been advised that a single case test result has come back positive for Covid-19. The case is within one of our Formal Curriculum Department classes.

As you know, the whole of Severndale Specialist Academy has enforced rigorous systems to protect our children and staff in line with national guidance. All of our processes have been in place but unfortunately schools are a reflection of the current COVID picture.

As you would expect, we have reacted swiftly to implement the guidance for this situation, all parents have been contacted and we are working closely with Public Health England and Shropshire Public Health to support those affected. The affected class and the class of the individual's sibling will be closed for the duration of the isolation period. Parents of the identified schools transport has also been notified and will isolate accordingly. Any potentially contaminated areas have been deep cleaned in line with our risk assessments and guidance documents.

- **The Academy will remain open, and only the two classes and those sharing schools transport with the pupil with the positive COVID test and sibling have been informed to stay at home.**
- Children and household members of those asked to isolate can carry on as normal, unless someone in the household becomes symptomatic, in which case, everyone should follow the stay at home guidance.

May I take this opportunity to reinforce the symptoms of Covid-19 to ensure that students displaying any of the below illnesses remain at home. The most common symptoms of coronavirus (COVID 19) are recent onset of:

- A new continuous cough and/or
- High temperature and/or
- 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 you are concerned about your child and the symptoms of COVID-19, please seek advice from your GP, NHS Direct or by calling NHS 119.

I fully appreciate how worrying these times are for us all, especially parents, but please feel reassured that we are following government guidelines fully and our systems for containing a case have worked effectively.

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Everyone valued. Everyone included. Everyone learning.

I would like to close this letter by stressing the importance of sending your child to school throughout these difficult times. With that in mind, please do not hesitate to contact school if you have any questions, via the school phone number or by email.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Sabrina Hobbs', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Sabrina Hobbs
Principal