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Dear Parents and Carers,

We have been made aware of more than one confirmed positive case of coronavirus (COVID-19) in Nightingale class.

This letter is just for your information and you do not need to take any action at this stage. However, households of nursery, school and college aged children are strongly encouraged to take part in twice-weekly lateral flow testing. This is because 1 in 3 people have Covid-19 without displaying symptoms. If all families participate, it gives us the best chance of keeping our school safe and reducing further transmission. For information on how to access lateral flow test kits visit www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests

The main symptoms of Covid-19 are a new, continuous cough, or a high temperature, or a loss of, or change in, their normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia). If your child develops any of these symptoms, they should isolate immediately and arrange a test via www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test or by calling 119.

In addition to the above main Covid-19 symptoms, if your child develops any of the following symptoms, it is also recommended they arrange a PCR test: loss of appetite, sore throat, extreme tiredness, sneezing, headache, diarrhoea, joint or muscle ache, vomiting, nausea, rash, runny nose or congestion. This is because these other symptoms have also been linked to Covid-19 infection. Individuals with any of these other symptoms (apart from diarrhoea and vomiting) can carry on attending school if they are well enough to do so. For more information please visit www.dudley.gov.uk/coronavirustesting

For most people, coronavirus (COVID-19) will be a mild illness. If your child does develop symptoms, you can seek advice from the nhs.uk website at <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/check-if-you-have-coronavirus-symptoms/> If you are concerned about your child's symptoms, or they are worsening you can seek advice from NHS 111 at <https://111.nhs.uk/> or by phoning 111.

Further information is available at <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

Warm regards,

Mr Rondeau