



8<sup>th</sup> September 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

I would like to advise you that we have a confirmed case of Covid 19 within the school. **The identified case is within the Year 8 cohort.** I have been advised by Public Health England that this year group will need to self-isolate for 14 days. Year 8 students should not come into school tomorrow, but will be expected to return on **Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> September.**

I know that you may find this concerning, but I am continuing to monitor the situation and working closely with Public Health England. This letter is to inform you of the current situation and provide advice on how to support your child. Please be reassured that for most people, coronavirus (COVID-19) will be a mild illness.

Students in the remaining year groups must attend school. However, if any Year 8 students present with symptoms and have a sibling within the school, then the sibling should self-isolate along with any other members of the household.

If your Year 8 child presents with symptoms during the 14 days of self-isolation, then you must get them tested and follow the Public Health England Guidance. **If your child is tested and receives a positive result, you must inform the school.**

Testing can be arranged via <https://www.nhs.uk/ask-for-a-coronavirus-test> or by calling 119 and further information can be found using the links below:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-households-with-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection>

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

Household members staying at home for 14 days will greatly reduce the overall amount of infection the household could pass on to others in the community.

### Symptoms

The most common symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) are recent onset of:

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



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**How to stop COVID-19 spreading**

There are things you can do to help reduce the risk of you and anyone you live with getting ill with COVID-19

*Do*

- wash your hands with soap and water often – do this 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

Work for your year 8 child will be available to complete via classcharts.

Should you have any further questions, please email [admin@stanborough.herts.sch.uk](mailto:admin@stanborough.herts.sch.uk) and we will get back to you as soon as we can.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'MJ', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Mrs John  
Headteacher