

Parent/Carer,

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Across our Pathfinder Schools we are delighted how well pupils have settled into their new classes and how successfully students and staff are adapting to our new systems and following the safety guidelines put in place.



Confirmed Case

You may well have heard that we have been advised by Public Health England that there has been a confirmed case of COVID-19 within Montsaye Academy. We have worked closely with Public Health England in taking swift action to ensure that this is contained, meaning that our Year 10 pod are continuing their learning at home during the self-isolation period. Please rest assured that the health and safety of our pupils, staff and community will continue to be our first priority.

Government Guidance

Government guidance is changing regularly – our schools are responding to these changes so please watch out for emails, letters and texts from your child's school with any new guidance that may be relevant to you.

Face Masks

We are very aware that guidance on facemasks has changed and developed throughout the pandemic and we would like to take this opportunity to update you with the current expectations across our schools:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/face-coverings-in-education/face-coverings-in-education>

Montsaye Academy

All pupils to wear masks in communal areas, corridors, whilst moving around the school and in the restaurant and café.

Symptoms of COVID-19 and What To Do

On the back of this letter is a simple flow chart to support you if a member of your family is experiencing COVID symptoms. The guidelines for the main coronavirus symptoms ([from the NHS website](#)) are:

- **a high temperature** – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)
- **a new, continuous cough** – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- **a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste** – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

DO NOT SEND YOUR CHILD INTO SCHOOL IF THEY ARE DISPLAYING ANY OF THESE SYMPTOMS.

If your child is showing any of the above symptoms, they cannot return to school without a negative test result. In line with the guidance, you must also keep your child at home if someone in your household is displaying symptoms or has received a recent positive test result. Please follow the guidance.

On behalf of all Pathfinder Schools, we would like to thank you and your children for your continued support. If you have any queries or questions, then please send them via email to office@pathfinderschools.org.uk.

Yours faithfully



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COVID SYMPTOMS AT HOME FLOW CHART

