



30th November 2020

Dear Parent / Carer,

Two confirmed cases of COVID-19 (coronavirus) have been reported in young people who attend Harris Academy. One case is an S2 pupil and the other is in S4. The cases are not linked in any way. The close contacts of the young people have been identified by the school and the Health Protection Team (HPT) at NHS Tayside and must now enter isolation.

This is a precaution. This isolation is from the date of last contact Thursday 26th November 2020. Therefore, these close contacts can return to school on Thursday 10th December (although some will return earlier, dependant on the last date of contact). You will already have been notified if your child is a close contact.

This letter is for the wider community to keep you informed. Please be reassured that if you have not been contacted individually, your child has not been identified as a contact of either case, and they can continue to attend school and undertake other activities as normal.

I recognise that this information may be concerning to you. Please be assured that Harris Academy remains open. The school is working in partnership with NHS Tayside, Public Health Scotland, and Dundee City Council Children and Families Service. If you would like to speak to someone or if you have any questions, please contact the Health Protection Team by calling 01382 596 976 /987.

We would encourage everyone to continue to follow the latest NHS and Scottish Government advice on helping reduce the spread of coronavirus: 'FACTS'

- Face coverings in enclosed spaces
- Avoid crowded places
- Clean your hands and surfaces regularly
- Two metre social distancing
- Self-isolate and book a test if you develop symptoms

There are additional 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.

Further Information

For all the latest advice and updates about coronavirus in Scotland, please visit:

<https://www.nhsinform.scot/illnesses-and-conditions/infections-and-poisoning/coronavirus-covid-19>

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For most people, coronavirus (COVID-19) will be a mild illness. If your child has or develops any symptoms, the whole household should self-isolate. Please arrange for a test for the symptomatic person/people by calling 0800 028 2816 or visiting www.NHSinform.scot/test-and-protect.

Children/young people displaying symptoms of COVID-19 should not attend school.

If you have any queries, please feel free to contact us, in the first instance via the relevant Guidance teacher.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'B. Millar', written over a horizontal line.

Barry Millar
Head Teacher