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Dear Parents, Carers and Staff

## **Coronavirus (COVID-19) Update**

I am writing to let you know that we have been advised that two parents of students at Ashlyns have tested positive for coronavirus.

We have been informed that the family has received advice from Public Health England, is self-isolating and, therefore, understand that the risk is no longer present in the school. As such, the advice for staff and students who have not been classified as close contacts is that they are able to continue to attend school as normal. The Public Health England tracing team is aware and will be pro-active in contacting you if you need to do anything different.

I can confirm if, following advice from Public Health England, you need to take steps to self-isolate your child, they will be marked as absent with permission. I will require a written confirmation from you if this is the case. Please continue with all the NHS best practice guidance regarding hand hygiene and look on [www.gov.uk/coronavirus](http://www.gov.uk/coronavirus) for the most up to date information.

This is obviously a difficult time for the families affected and I am sure you will join me in wishing all those involved a speedy recovery as we pass on our best wishes. In the meantime, I will update you with further information as advised by the Local Authority and Public Health England.

Yours sincerley

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