



Southerly Point Co-operative Multi-Academy Trust

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Dear Parent/Carer

Firstly, I would like to thank you for all of the feedback that we have received with regards to the measures that we have put in place to get the College back up and running. Your continued support in helping to reinforce the measures is crucial to ensure that all our students and staff are kept as safe as possible.

Since the start of new academic year, we have received a number of Covid related questions on a regular basis. These relate particularly to when your child should stay at home and self-isolate; how long your child and members of your household should stay at home; and when your child is able to return to school. The table attached outlines the guidance in more detail but there are a few key points that I would like to emphasise.

We are following the Government guidance. This means that if any member of your household displays symptoms of the coronavirus, **all members** of your household are required to self-isolate.

Individuals will need a test if they have any one or more of the following symptoms:

- A high temperature: any new high temperature where the person feels hot to touch on the chest or back (you do not need to measure the temperature);
- A new continuous cough: coughing a lot for more than an hour, or three or more coughing episodes in 24 hours;
- A loss of, or change in, sense of smell or taste: a noticeable loss of smell or taste or things smell and taste different to normal.

Individuals do not need a test if they have a runny nose, are sneezing or feeling unwell but **do not** have a temperature, cough, or change in sense of smell or taste because these are not normally symptoms of coronavirus.

The isolation period can only stop after the required number of days or when a negative test result is received. You cannot end self-isolation just because symptoms reduce or disappear as an individual may remain infectious. As previously mentioned, the attached table outlines the guidance in more detail.

We understand that in Cornwall, as with many areas across England, tests can be difficult to obtain. However, in order to keep all our students as safe as possible we will not be able to let any student return to the College until you as the parent/carers has emailed or completed the slip on the back of the FAQ declaring that a negative test has been obtained, or your child's isolation period is complete. We must be clear that we must do everything we can to maintain a safe environment for our students and staff within the College and the wider community.

Once again, thank you again for your continued support in helping us to make the College as safe as we can at this time.

Yours sincerely

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