



**INTEGRATED CHILDREN
AND
FAMILY SERVICES**



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Advice for Child to Self-Isolate

Dear Parents and Carers,

I write to advise you that we have been made aware of a positive case of COVID-19 in P7 at Ferryhill School. After consultation with the NHS Grampian Health Protection Team (HPT), your child has been identified as having had close contact with the case at a time when they were likely infectious. In line with the national guidance your child is required to isolate at home with immediate effect until and including **Monday 30th November**. The enclosed letter from HPT explains what this will mean for your child and your family.

I appreciate that this news may be unsettling for you. I want to reassure parents and carers that there is no evidence of transmission of COVID-19 within the school and that the school has good control measures in place. All children not identified as a close contact will continue to attend school as normal due to the effectiveness of control measures in place.

During your child's period of self-isolation, we will arrange for home learning materials to be made available through your child's Google classroom. Your child's teacher will be in touch to make all the necessary arrangements.

You may have concerns about the economic impact on family if you are unable to attend your workplace whilst your child is off school. Aberdeen City Council has established a Support Line which is available from 8.30am - 5.00pm Monday to Friday. Colleagues at the Support Line can offer a range of welfare advice, emotional support and help with food or prescription collection for example. If the team can support in any way please contact the Support Line on 0800 0304 713. The Council also has a range of further information and resources online to assist at <https://www.aberdeencity.gov.uk/services/coronavirus-covid-19>

I would like to take this opportunity to remind you of the general advice currently in place for everyone. If you or your child develop symptoms of COVID-19, the symptomatic person should self-isolate and be tested as soon as possible. You should also stay at home if someone you live with or someone in your extended household has symptoms. The symptoms include:

- a high temperature or fever
- a new continuous cough
- a loss of, or change in sense of smell or taste

Kind regards

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