



Pendle Community High School & College

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Dear Parent/Carer

Re: Coronavirus update

We are starting to get cases of staff and students informing us that family and friends that are associated with them are being tested for the Coronavirus. I want to reassure you that we definitely do not have any confirmed cases within school, and any staff who have had any direct contact with anyone suspected of having this virus are being asked to self-isolate as a precaution (although they are still relatively low risk if they are not showing any symptoms themselves).

I can assure you that the school is being thoroughly cleaned on a daily basis and deep cleaned once a week. We are also actively encouraging supervised hand washing etc and doing all we can to stop the virus entering our school community. Until we are instructed otherwise by the Department of Education or Public Health England, or any significant operational concerns in school do materialise, PCHSC will remain open.

However, we do recognise that for a small percentage of our students especially with underlying health issues and respiratory problems, this is a particularly concerning time. I therefore want to reassure any parents or carers who have concerns about their child's health and wish to withdraw their child from school during this period of uncertainty, that you will have the full support of myself and the Governing Body.

I will of course keep you all fully updated should anything more significant and directly linked to Coronavirus comes to light in the next days and weeks. However, in the meantime if you or your child does become unwell – with a dry cough, sore throat and a high temperature please stay indoors, call NHS 111 immediately for an assessment (or 999 if you require emergency medical attention) and then inform us accordingly.

Many thanks

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'C Lingard'.

Chris Lingard
Headteacher

