

THE LEIGH ACADEMY



4th March 2020

JCO/JHR/Coronavirus

Dear Parents/Carers

Re: Coronavirus: Further Information

Following enquiries from parents I am writing to you regarding the recent confirmed case of Coronavirus in Maidstone.

The academy does not believe that the confirmed case has any direct connection to any member of our academy community and therefore the advice from Public Health England is that no action is necessary. Any individual that has had contact with the confirmed case will be traced by Public Health England and advised on the appropriate next steps. If any of our parents are contacted by Public Health England because of a potential risk we would appreciate if you could call the academy so we can make a record of it. We will then liaise with Public Health England and follow their advice.

We appreciate as parents this may be a worrying time but please be assured we are doing everything we can to protect our whole academy community and at the present time there is no need to self-isolate unless you have had contact with a confirmed case, have travelled from a category 1 area or have travelled from a category 2 area and have a fever, dry cough and breathing difficulties.

If you are still concerned the Department of Education is operating a special hotline for parents which you can contact on 0800 046 8687 from 8:00am to 6:00pm (Monday to Friday) or email DfE.coronavirushelpline@education.gov.uk If at any time you are advised by NHS 111 that you need to self-isolate and be tested then please do let the academy know.

Parents will be notified immediately should we have any suspected or confirmed cases of infection within the academy but until this point we would encourage you to remain calm and follow the Government's advice on prevention.

Further information is available at:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-to-educational-settings-about-covid-19>

Yours faithfully

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