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### COVID 19 guidelines

Dear Parents and Carers,

Firstly, thank you again for your support as we have returned to school this academic year. While there are lots of changes to the timetable and start/finish times, we are still the same welcoming school with high expectations and a focus on delivering the best education that we can for our pupils.

I wanted to take this opportunity to clarify the national guidance around COVID 19 symptoms for everyone, regardless of age. We are all required to follow the same guidelines in order to protect ourselves and others, and to prevent the spread of the infection.

#### **Symptoms**

If *anyone in your household displays any of the following symptoms* (one, two or all of the symptoms), the whole household *must all self-isolate* for 10-14 days.

- A high temperature
- A new, continuous cough
- A loss or change to your sense of smell or taste

#### **Testing**

You will need to book a test immediately for *everyone in your household* in order to check if you have COVID 19. You can choose to go to a test site and get your test result the next day, or you can order home testing kits. Details on how to obtain tests for the whole household can be found by following the website link at the end of this letter.

#### **Self-isolation**

While self-isolating, members of the household *must not go to school*, work or public places. You must not go on public transport or use taxis. Households must not have visitors in your home, including friends or family.

#### **Test results**

If anyone in your household receives positive test results for COVID 19, we ask that you let the academy know as soon as possible in order for us to assess the risk for other members of our school community. You can do this by calling us on the school number or emailing the office on [office@davidlivingstone.croydon.sch.uk](mailto:office@davidlivingstone.croydon.sch.uk).

#### **David Livingstone Academy**

In order for our community to prevent the spread of infection, it is the responsibility of all of us to ensure that we follow these guidelines. We are aware that children's attendance at school will be affected and we hope that by getting tested, families can return to normal as soon as possible if they receive negative results. The three symptoms of COVID 19 are common in children

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and look like a lot of other illnesses such as colds and other viruses. However, in order to prevent an outbreak we must check that they are not COVID 19 by getting tested before coming into school.

#### **Further information**

Please read and refer to the following page for guidance around COVID 19. We have to continue to take all precautions to ensure that shops, schools and work places can remain open safely.

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

Yours sincerely,



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