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Dear Parents, Carers and Students

As we reach the half way point of both the half term and the latest national lockdown, I thought it would be helpful to send a reminder about the actions that families need to take if anyone in their household exhibits coronavirus symptoms or thinks they need to take a coronavirus test. If this happens then **the whole household** needs to isolate immediately.

Anyone with symptoms will be eligible for testing and this can be arranged via <https://www.nhs.uk/ask-for-a-coronavirus-test> or by calling 119.

**All household members must stay at home and not leave the house until the results of tests are received. This includes anyone in your 'Support Bubble'. Household members should not go to work, school or public areas and exercise should be taken within the home.**

Should your child receive a positive test result, it is important that we know straight away so that we can respond quickly. This includes letting us know in the evenings and at weekends by emailing [testresult@thespirescollege.com](mailto:testresult@thespirescollege.com). **Please only use this email address to tell us that a child from the College has received a positive result or that they have symptoms and are being tested.** You should continue to inform your child's Pastoral Support Manager of negative test results or positive results in other household members.

Further information is available at: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-households-with-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection> and on The Spires College website: <https://www.thespirescollege.com/about/coronavirus-covid-19>

We really appreciate your support in following this guidance which will maximise the chances of the College being able to stay open for as many children as possible. We need to continue to work together to minimise the risks. Whilst we recognise that following the guidance can only reduce, rather than eliminate, the chances of positive cases, it will certainly make a significant difference to that happening.

Please don't hesitate to contact your child's Pastoral Support Manager if there is anything about which you are unsure.

Yours sincerely



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