Date: 18 November 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

COVID-19 Update: Wednesday 18 November 2020

Over the course of today we have been made aware of further detected cases of COVID-19 which affect The Gordon Schools.

After consultation with the NHS Grampian Health Protection Team (HPT), we have identified that your child **has not** been in close contact with the case at a time when they were likely infectious. This has been determined by working closely with the HPT and considering factors such as the movement of pupils and staff through the School and on school transport, relevant seating plans and classroom layouts, as well as speaking to the case.

There continues to be no evidence of transmission of COVID-19 within the School. The HPT have advised that all other pupils can continue to attend school as advised unless they develop COVID-19 symptoms or are identified as a close contact outside the school setting by NHS Test and Protect.

The School will be open for S1, S2 and S3 pupils tomorrow (Thursday 18 November), with S4, S5 and S6 continuing to engage with on-line learning. There is an In-service day for staff colleagues on Friday and no expectation of any pupils engaging on new learning on that day.

A separate communication will be issued to all families **tomorrow** (Thursday 19 November), regarding our plans for School opening and learning provision for next week, beginning 23 November.

General advice on COVID-19

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I would like to take this opportunity to remind you of the general advice currently in place for everyone. The most common symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) are recent onset of:

- new continuous cough and/or
- high temperature and/or
- a loss of, or change in, normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia)

If your child develops symptoms of COVID-19, NHS 111 can provide assessment over the phone and information about testing. Further information on testing can be found on NHS Inform.   They should begin 10 days of self-isolation whilst waiting for their test result. All other household members who remain well must stay at home and begin 14 days of household isolation whilst waiting for the test result.

How to stop COVID-19 spreading

There are things that we can all be doing to help reduce the risk of getting ill with COVID-19. These include:

- washing your hands with soap and water often – do this for at least 20 seconds
- using hand sanitiser gel if soap and water are not available
- washing your hands as soon as you get home
- covering your mouth and nose with a tissue or your sleeve (not your hands) when you cough or sneeze
- putting used tissues in the bin immediately and wash your hands afterwards

Further information

Further information is available at:
https://www.nhsinform.scot/illnesses-and-conditions/infections-and-poisoning/coronavirus-covid-19
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Yours sincerely,

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