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**Medical In Confidence**

Parents / Guardians of children attending  
Grange Academy

Date Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2021  
Enquiries to Health Protection Team  
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Dear Parent / Guardian

NHS Ayrshire & Arran's Health Protection Team are conducting a contact tracing exercise in relation to a confirmed case of Coronavirus (COVID-19) infection. The risk to children is very low. Close contacts are being contacted by the NHS Ayrshire & Arran's Test and Protect Team and told to self-isolate at home for 10 days.

If your child is contacted by our Test and Protect Team to let them know they are a close contact of somebody with COVID-19, they must isolate for 10 days and **we also recommend that they book a test, ideally within 3 to 5 days from their last contact with the confirmed case so that we can take action to stop any further spread. This test is voluntary and does not mean that they can stop self-isolation.** Even if the test result is negative, they should continue to complete their 10 days of isolation. If they develop symptoms at any point during their isolation and thereafter, a further test should be arranged.

If the test result is positive, you will be contacted by Test and Protect.

If you are not contacted by our Test and Protect Team, this means that your child has not been identified as a contact and therefore is not at increased risk. We appreciate this is a very worrying time. However, we would like to assure you that every measure is being taken to protect children, their families and staff. You can find more information on NHS Inform at <https://www.nhsinform.scot/illnesses-and-conditions/infections-and-poisoning/coronavirus-covid-19>.

We would like to remind people of the symptoms of Coronavirus (COVID-19):

- new cough;
- high temperature (37.8 or above);
- and / or loss of taste and smell.

Anyone who develops any of these symptoms should self-isolate immediately and contact NHS 24 on 111 or via their website <https://www.nhsinform.scot/> to book a test. If your child develops COVID-19 symptoms and they are ill or you are worried about their health you can also call NHS 24 on 111 for medical help.

**It is important to note that if you have been in close contact with a confirmed COVID-19 case then you will still need to self-isolate for 10 days, regardless of the result of any test.**

Everyone in Ayrshire and Arran is reminded to remember the **FACTS** guidance:

**F** – Face coverings. These should be used in shops and on public transport (buses, trains and taxis)

**A** – Avoid crowded places.

**C** – Clean your hands frequently, using water & soap whenever possible.

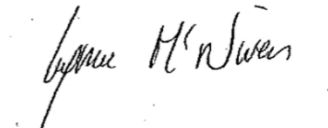
**T** – Two metres – observe physical distancing.

**S** – Self-isolate and book a test if you are suffering from COVID-19 symptoms.

Yours sincerely



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