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**Medical In Confidence**

Parents / Guardians of children attending  
St Joseph's Academy

Date Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2020  
Enquiries to Health Protection Team  
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Dear Parent / Guardian,

NHS Ayrshire & Arran's Health Protection Team have been made aware of a confirmed case. Due to the nature of this case, timings and further investigation of this particular case there have been no close contacts within the school identified. Therefore, risk to pupils is very low.

We appreciate this is a very worrying time. However, we would like to assure you that every measure is being taken to protect pupils, their families and staff.

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 14 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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**Dr Joy Tomlinson**  
Interim Director of Public Health

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**Mrs Lynne McNiven**  
Interim Director of Public Health

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