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Dear parent/carer,

NHS Lanarkshire's test and protect team have been carrying out contact tracing after an individual at Lesmahagow High School tested positive for Covid-19. The individual is currently self-isolating at home.

NHS Lanarkshire has been working closely with South Lanarkshire Council with regards to this case and is in the process of contacting close contacts. Our test and protect team will continue to contact anyone who may be affected. Public health advice is being given to these individuals and they are being told to self-isolate.

I can confirm, however, that following the findings of a review no other member of the school community has been identified as a close contact.

There is no evidence currently to suggest that there is transmission in the school, the risk to the wider school community is low and the school will remain open.

Noting the increased infection rates in Lanarkshire, it is important to bear in mind that mixing socially in the community without maintaining physical distancing measures helps the virus to spread widely. It is therefore important that people remain vigilant and follow physical distancing guidance. Pupils and staff should wash their hands thoroughly and regularly using soap and water for 20 seconds.

Individuals who experience any Covid-19 symptoms such as a cough, fever or loss of taste or smell, even if they are mild, should stay off school or work and get tested. Information on how to access testing is available from NHS Inform at:

<https://www.nhsinform.scot/illnesses-and-conditions/infections-andpoisoning/coronavirus-covid-19/test-and-protect/coronavirus-covid-19-testing>

If you have any questions about coronavirus please visit www.nhsinform.scot in the first instance, or call the helpline on 0800 028 2816.

You can access FAQs about Covid-19 in schools [here](#).

To respect and maintain patient confidentiality no further details will be released at this time.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'D Cromie', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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