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Medical In Confidence

Parents / Guardians of Children Attending
St Matthew's Academy

Date 1st September 2020
Enquiries to Health Protection Team
Direct line 01292 885858
Email HPteam@aapct.scot.nhs.uk

Dear Parent / Carer

NHS Ayrshire & Arran's Health Protection Team is conducting a contact tracing exercise with a small number of pupils in St Matthew's Academy who have had contact with a confirmed case of Coronavirus (COVID-19) infection.

These individuals are being contacted by the Test and Protect team and told to self-isolate at home for 14 days. If your child is contacted by our Test and Protect contact tracing team to let them know they are a close contact of somebody with COVID-19, they do not need a test, but must isolate for 14 days.

We appreciate this is a very worrying time. However, we would like to assure people that every measure is being taken to protect pupils and staff. If you are concerned that you or your child may have been in contact with a confirmed case, please contact our Health Protection team on 01292 885858 (Option 1).

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

- new cough;
- high temperature;
- and / or loss of taste and smell.

Anyone who develops any of these symptoms should book a test and self-isolate immediately.

If your child develops COVID-19 symptoms and you are ill or worried about their health, call NHS 24 on 111 for medical help. Only call NHS 24 if you need medical advice to deal with your illness.

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.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Lynne McNiven', written in a cursive style.

Lynne McNiven
Interim Director of Public Health (Joint)