



Dumfries and Galloway NHS Board

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To Parents & Guardians of children at Stranraer Academy,

Increasing rates of COVID-19 infection in the Stranraer area – FOR INFORMATION

Over the last few weeks we have become aware of more cases of COVID-19 infection in the Stranraer area, including within the school community.

We do not believe that your child has been in close contact with anyone who has the infection, and so at the moment is at no greater risk of developing COVID-19 themselves. However, you should be aware of the greater number of cases of infection locally and be vigilant for signs of possible infection.

For most people, Coronavirus will cause a mild illness, with the most common symptoms being:

- New continuous cough
- A fever or high temperature (above 37.8c)
- A loss of taste or smell

If your child, or anyone in the household, develops symptoms (even if mild) you should arrange testing, and remain in isolation until the result is available.

Public testing is available every Monday and Tuesday at Ashwood House, Stranraer, and tests can be pre-booked through the www.nhsinform.scot website, or arranged on arrival at the site. There is additional testing available this weekend, 10th and 11th October, or by postal kit.

Further help and advice is available through the www.nhsinform.scot website, or by phoning the helpline (0800 22 44 88). If anyone in your household develops symptoms, and you are concerned about their well-being, please phone your GP, or 111 out of hours.

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