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This is a standard letter we have received from the NHS and DfE and have been advised to send it out. There is no need to keep children off school. Thank you.

Dear Parents,

As I'm sure you have already heard, there have been new cases of Covid-19 (novel coronavirus) identified in Trafford.

There are a number of schools, including this one, who have children or a staff member attending, who live in a household where a family member has been identified as a contact of a person with Covid-19. This means that the family member has NOT been diagnosed with Covid-19 but has been identified as being at increased risk.

The family member in question will be self-isolating as a precaution – there is very limited evidence that the people without symptoms of the virus are able to pass it on to others. I have been reassured by our local public health team that the risk to children in our school remains extremely low at this point.

We will continue to monitor the wider situation carefully but for now we believe that keeping our children's lives and education as normal as possible is very important.

At the moment, the advice remains that the best method of protection is good hand and respiratory hygiene, and we are reinforcing these messages at school.

A Department for Education helpline and e-mail address has been set up for parents with any further concerns. Please see details below.

We will keep you updated on any developments.

HM Government **NHS**

**DEPARTMENT FOR EDUCATION
CORONAVIRUS HELPLINE**

0800 046 8687

8am to 6pm (Monday to Friday)

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