

NHS Lanarkshire
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Dear parent/carer

I am writing to advise that a member of staff at Udston Primary School has tested positive for COVID-19.

Following detailed contact tracing and risk assessment by NHS Lanarkshire and South Lanarkshire Council, a small number of staff have been identified as being close contacts; they have been advised accordingly. None of the pupils are close contacts. These members of staff are now self-isolating and will not be at the school during this period. Furthermore, South Lanarkshire Council has arranged enhanced cleaning of the premises. The risk from these individuals to the wider school community is assessed as low and the school remains fully open and operational.

In terms of advice to the wider community, individuals should stay off school and get tested, if they experience any COVID symptoms, such as a new continuous cough, fever, loss of taste or smell, or shortness of breath, even if they are mild. Information on how to access testing is available from NHS Inform.

<https://www.nhsinform.scot/illnesses-and-conditions/infections-and-poisoning/coronavirus-covid-19>

Good hand hygiene is essential to combat transmission of the virus and hands need to be washed thoroughly and regularly using soap and water for 20 seconds. Mixing socially in the community without maintaining physical distancing measures can transmit the virus. It is therefore important that people remain vigilant and follow physical distancing guidance. I understand there will be some concern at this time and request that everyone continues to play their part in helping to reduce risk from COVID at this time. If you have any questions about COVID, please visit www.nhsinform.scot in the first instance, or call the helpline on 0800 028 2816.

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

Yours sincerely



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