



## DUDLEY ACADEMIES TRUST

### COVID-19 Cases During Half-Term

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During this first half term, Dudley Academies Trust has seen small numbers of learners, either with symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) requiring them to self-isolate, or that have tested positive and therefore need to self-isolate.

As some people may have COVID-19 but not show any symptoms (i.e. the high temperature, new and continuous cough, or change to the usual sense of taste or smell) it is really important for everyone to follow social distancing and hand hygiene measures to stop the spread, including when socialising out of school.

We are continuing to keep a close watch on changes to Government guidelines and our academies will ensure to keep you informed and quickly alert you to any changes.

Your child's education, health and wellbeing is as of vital importance to us and your academy as it is to you, and we ask that you continue to work with your academy and that you support them in their efforts.

**ACTION:** If your child develops any of the COVID-19 symptoms within 48 hours of being on the academy site (before Sunday 25th October evening), please notify the academy immediately so that they can carry out contact tracing and inform other learners and members of staff that may need to self-isolate if required.

If your child develops symptoms during half term week, receives a positive test result, or if they have been advised to self-isolate as a close contact (Monday 26 October onwards) please ensure that you still notify your academy immediately as the self-isolation period for those individuals will continue after the half-term break.

Please be reminded that under level 1 restrictions, socialising in groups larger than 6 indoors or outdoors (other than where a legal exemption applies) is not currently allowed and social distancing between households when outside is required. This continues to apply over the half-term break.