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Dear Parents and Carers

## **Coronavirus (COVID-19) Update**

I am writing to update you regarding Coronavirus.

We have been informed that an evening member of the Aspire gym at Ashlyns has tested positive for the coronavirus (CO-VID19.) Following advice from Public Health England, the individual is self-isolating.

Public Health England have confirmed that the gym can remain open for normal use and we will continue to monitor the situation closely and update you should the situation change.

I recognise that the government has indicated that the number of individuals testing positive will increase significantly over the next two weeks. This means that it is likely that more members of our community will be affected during the coming days and weeks. At Ashlyns, the safety of our students is of paramount importance and we will continue to follow the guidance from Public Health England and the Local Authority at every step. Currently, we have no confirmed staff or student cases. However, as the number of cases increases nationally, my communications are likely to become increasingly focused on the advice, guidance and actions which we are taking rather than reporting on the outcomes of individuals' testing.

If you have concerns regarding your child's contact with an individual who has tested positive for the virus, or if they are displaying symptoms, please continue to call 111 and update the school with the outcome of your conversation via email at [attendance@ashlyns.herts.sch.uk](mailto:attendance@ashlyns.herts.sch.uk).

As the nation reacts and responds to the Coronavirus outbreak in the UK, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for the support and measured response in your communications with the school during this difficult time.

Yours sincerley

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