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Dear parent/carer,

NHS Lanarkshire's test and protect team have been carrying out contact tracing after a pupil at Strathaven Academy tested positive for Covid-19. The pupil is currently self-isolating at home.

NHS Lanarkshire has been working closely with South Lanarkshire Council with regards to the case and is in the process of contacting close contacts. Our test and protect team will continue to contact anyone who may be affected. Public health advice is being given to these individuals and they are being told to self-isolate.

Following the findings of a review last night, there is no evidence currently to suggest that there is transmission in the school. The risk to the wider school community is low and the school will remain open.

We are aware that there will be concern for young people, their parents/carers and staff at this time, however, I want to continue to reassure you that South Lanarkshire Council has put in place all the recommended infection prevention and control measures and has a thorough cleaning programme for the school building.

Noting the increased infection rates in Lanarkshire, it is important to bear in mind that mixing socially in the community without maintaining physical distancing measures helps the virus to spread widely. It is therefore important that people remain vigilant and follow physical distancing guidance. Pupils and staff should wash their hands thoroughly and regularly using soap and water for 20 seconds.

Individuals who experience any Covid-19 symptoms such as a cough, fever or loss of taste or smell, even if they are mild, should stay off school or work and get tested. Information on how to access testing is available from NHS Inform at:

<https://www.nhsinform.scot/illnesses-and-conditions/infections-andpoisoning/coronavirus-covid-19/test-and-protect/coronavirus-covid-19-testing>

If you have any questions about coronavirus please visit www.nhsinform.scot in the first instance, or call the helpline on 0800 028 2816.

You can access FAQs about Covid-19 in schools [here](#).

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

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sehya Josephine". The script is cursive and fluid.

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