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Dear parent/carer,

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

Following the findings of a review, the risk to the wider school community is low and the school will remain open.

We are aware that there will be concern for children, 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.gov.scot/news/reduction-in-self-isolation/>

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 blue ink, appearing to read 'D. Cromie', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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