

Great Whelnetham
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Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to inform you that Samuel Ward Academy, in Haverhill, has closed to staff and pupils today due to reported cases of COVID-19. It has been reported that five members of staff have tested positive for the virus.

One of our parents at Great Whelnetham works in this school. As a precautionary measure they will be self-isolating for the next fourteen days with their child who attends this school.

If you have any concerns or any questions about this then please do contact the school to speak to myself or Ms Wallis.

I would like to also take this opportunity to remind parents of the symptoms of COVID-19. We have had several calls this morning asking if parents should bring their child to school because they think they may have a cold.

We would like you to keep your child at home in the following instances:

If they have a high temperature – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)

A new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)

A loss or change to your sense of smell or taste – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal.

I hope that this helps to clarify some of the questions that some of you have had.

Yours sincerely,

Claire Flatman

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