



Wednesday 21st October 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

Advice to All Parents - Single case of COVID-19 Confirmed

We have been made aware that there has been a confirmed case of COVID-19 within the school. I commend the students and staff for their diligence this half term as this is our first case when many schools locally have had numerous.

This information will naturally be of concern to you, as it is to us, and we are continuing to monitor the situation and are working closely with Public Health England. This letter is to inform you of the current situation. We also include advice from Public Health England on how to support your child, and they ask us to reassure you that for most people, coronavirus (COVID-19) will be a mild illness.

By working with Public Health England guidance, we have been able to track the contacts of the positive case and the year 10 cohort is now self-isolating for 14 days. Although year 10 and year 11 share a lunch time and share a start time, they do have little contact. During our analysis of close contacts, it was deemed that year 11 did not face a heightened risk of transmission. Therefore, the school remains open to your son and he should continue to attend as normal if they remain well. Public Health England guidance is that Year 11 are under no obligation to Self-isolate at this point.

The advice we received today was to get students in year 10 home swiftly. To that end can I ask you to discuss your contingency plan with your son, in the event that his year group might be in this situation in the future.

Yours sincerely

**Mr D Clayton
Headteacher**

Attached: Key information from Public Health England

We are obliged to forward the following PHE information:

What to do if your child develops symptoms of COVID 19

If your child develops symptoms of COVID-19, they must not come to school and should remain at home for **at least 10 days** from the date when their symptoms appeared. Anyone with symptoms will be eligible for testing and this can be arranged via <https://www.nhs.uk/ask-for-a-coronavirus-test> or by calling 119.

All other household members who remain well, must stay at home and not leave the house for 14 days. This includes anyone in your 'Support Bubble'.

Further information is available at: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-households-with-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection>

The 14-day period starts from the day when the first person in the house became ill. Household members should not go to work, school or public areas and exercise should be taken within the home. If you require help with buying groceries, other shopping or picking up medication, or walking a dog, you should ask friends or family. Alternatively, you can order your shopping online and medication by phone or online.

Household members staying at home for 14 days will greatly reduce the overall amount of infection the household could pass on to others in the community

If you are able, move any vulnerable individuals (such as the elderly and those with underlying health conditions) out of your home, to stay with friends or family for the duration of the home isolation period.

Symptoms

The most common symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) are recent onset of:

- a new continuous cough
- a high temperature
- a loss of, or change in, your normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia)

For most people, coronavirus (COVID-19) will be a mild illness.

If your child does develop symptoms, you can seek advice from the nhs.uk website at <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/check-if-you-have-coronavirus-symptoms/>. If you are concerned about your child's symptoms, or they are worsening you can seek advice from NHS 111 at <https://111.nhs.uk/> or by phoning 111.

How to stop COVID-19 spreading

There are things you can do to help reduce the risk of you and anyone you live with getting ill with COVID-19

Do

- wash your hands with soap and water often – do this for at least 20 seconds
- use hand sanitiser gel if soap and water are not available
 - wash your hands as soon as you get home
 - cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or your sleeve (not your hands) when you cough or sneeze
 - put used tissues in the bin immediately and wash your hands afterwards

Further Information

Further information is available at <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

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