



King's Norton Boys' School

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Wednesday 16th December 2020

Dear Parent/Carer,

As year 8 were getting ready to go home today we were made aware of a confirmed case in their year group. We have attempted to track and trace close contacts of this confirmed case; however, this has been made very difficult as Year 8 took part in house games on Friday 11th December, meaning it is almost impossible to rule out close contact between the confirmed case and his peers. Therefore, the correct course of action is to request a self-isolation period for year 8. The 10-day period of isolation (from the onset of symptoms) would end on Monday the 21st December.

The decision is complicated, and we have particularly considered the following:

- The opportunity for self-isolation to rule out infection before seeing relatives over Christmas.
- Self-isolating now to ensure students get almost all their holidays isolation free, rather than running the risk of Year 8 students passing it to each other in school and delaying any required isolation period.
- Ensuring that you have a full picture which will enable you to manage your holiday interactions.

We understand that this is not good news, and we can assure you that our decision has been carefully considered and made with the regulations and your best interests in mind. It remains our intention to track and trace much more to limit the number of students who miss school, and our new timetable for January (referred to in this week's Friday email) will help us to do that more successfully. However, the current circumstances have called for swift and decisive action to minimise the risk of transmission and the impact on your family time this holiday.

Your sincerely

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