

29th September 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

RE: Advice to All Parents/Carers – Confirmed positive case of Covid-19 in Year 12

We have been advised by Public Health England that there has been a confirmed case of COVID-19 within the school in our Year 12 bubble.

We have contacted those who had close contact with this student and they have been asked to self-isolate as a precaution. The rest of the Year 12 bubble remains open and students should attend if they are not displaying symptoms as detailed below.

I also wish to reassure you that we follow the guidance from Public Health England, The Department for Education and the local authority in making decisions when we have confirmation of a positive test result for Covid-19 in students or staff. In each case, the outcome may be different depending on the circumstances which are different for different year groups and different for staff depending on the nature of their role in the organisation. In each case the details and outcomes are logged with the authorities so they are able to monitor schools closely and advise further should the need arise.

Please be reassured that for most people, coronavirus (COVID-19) will be a mild illness.

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 or anyone in the household does develop symptoms, you can seek advice from NHS 111 at <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/check-if-you-have-coronavirus-symptoms/> 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/>

I thank you for your support as always,

Yours sincerely

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