



8<sup>th</sup> November 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

As a school we have a strict regime in place to provide a clean and safe environment for our student and staff community. However today we have been made aware of one student from Year 8 who has tested positive for COVID 19.

As a result, upon careful consideration and advice from the dedicated Department for Education Covid Support Team **all students in Year 8 must self-isolate** for 14 days and are not to return to school until **Friday 20<sup>th</sup> November**.

We appreciate that you may find this concerning. We have taken this action as a precautionary step. We are continuing to monitor the situation and are working closely with Public Health England. The school remains open for all other year groups and providing your child remains well they can continue to attend school as normal. We will keep this under review.

This letter is to inform you of the current situation. Please see advice and guidance below on how best to support your child were they to develop Covid 19 symptoms.

**What to do if your child develops symptoms of COVID 19:**

If your child develops symptoms of COVID-19, they should remain at home for at least 10 days from the date when their symptoms appeared. They **MUST NOT** come to school.

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.

In the event of a positive test, all other household members including anyone in your 'support bubble' who remain well must stay at home and not leave the house for 14 days. They do not need to be tested unless symptoms occur.

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.

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.

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>

**Symptoms of COVID 19:**

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

- new continuous cough and/or
- high temperature
- a loss of, or change in, 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 NHS 111 at <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/check-if-you-have-coronavirus-symptoms/> or by phoning 111

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

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- 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

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Thank you for your ongoing support and understanding.

Yours sincerely



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