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October 5th 2020

Dear Parents and carers

You will be aware that there has been a confirmed case of COVID-19 within the school. I have liaised with Public Health England and would like to thank you for your patience and understanding whilst we deal with this.

We know that you may find this concerning, but we are continuing to monitor the situation and are working closely with Public Health England and are following their advice. This letter is to inform you of the current situation and provide advice on how to support your child. Please be reassured that for most people, coronavirus (COVID-19) will be a mild illness.

We currently require all Y11 students to remain at home and self-isolate, until further notice. The self-isolation period will last until Monday 19th October, unless you are informed otherwise, by the school. Other members of your household can continue normal activities provided your child does not develop symptoms within the 14-day isolation period. All lessons for Y11 will be live lessons via Teams, until further notice. Mr Pearce, Assistant Headteacher with responsibility for teaching and learning, will email all Y11 students with details.

The school remains open for all other year groups.

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'.

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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:

1. a new continuous cough
2. a high temperature
3. 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.

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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

1. wash your hands with soap and water often – do this for at least 20 seconds
2. use hand sanitiser gel if soap and water are not available
3. wash your hands as soon as you get home
4. cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or your sleeve (not your hands) when you cough or sneeze
5. 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 will communicate with all parents and carers with updates; please access your emails and the school website and social media sources.

Yours sincerely

Mrs O'Neill
Head of School