

5th October 2020

Dear Parent/Carer

I am writing to notify you that the parent of a child in Year 9 has received a positive test result for Covid-19. The child is currently self-isolating and is due to undertake a test as soon as possible. We have taken the precautionary step of identifying students who may have come into close contact with the student, and we have identified your child as being a potential contact.

At this point, the student has NOT received a positive test result and therefore there is no requirement for us to ask students to self-isolate at home. At this stage your child can still attend school. However, we feel that it is prudent to notify you of the situation and allow you to make decisions. You should also be aware that if a positive test result for the child affected does follow, your child will be expected to self-isolate at home until Monday 19th October (precise date to be confirmed).

If you feel that you would rather keep your child at home until the outcome of the affected child's test is known and access our remote learning, the college will support that. I would also urge you to pay close attention for any COVID related symptoms: persistent cough, fever or more specifically, a loss of taste or smell, and then contact 111 to request a test. It should only be necessary to access a test for your child if these symptoms emerge, at which point they should remain at home and you should notify us.

Could I please urge caution with sharing this message more widely. We have only alerted those parents of students who we have risk assessed as being *potentially* affected by this case and are keen that this contact remains discrete to avoid worry or anxiety.

If your child is showing no symptoms and you are happy for them to attend college then we would be more than happy to receive them. If you decide to keep your child at home from tomorrow, then please call the absence line as usual and we will arrange for remote work to be provided.

Please be assured that we have taken advice from the Department for Education in this matter and are in contact with the Local Authorities. As soon as we have further information, we will contact you to update. I am sure you will join me in wishing the affected individual a speedy recovery.

Yours faithfully



Simon Warburton
Principal