

29<sup>th</sup> April 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

### **Positive COVID-19 case in Year 7**

I received confirmation this morning that a student in Year 7 has tested positive for COVID-19 on the routine Lateral Flow Test carried out last night. I am afraid that your son or daughter has been identified as a potential close contact of this case. In line with the national guidance your son or daughter is advised to self-isolate for 10 days since the last contact with the confirmed case, pending a confirmatory PCR test. If this PCR test, which is due to be conducted this morning is negative, then your child will be able to return to college and we will notify you as soon as possible as to when this can happen. If the PCR confirms a positive result, then your son or daughter will be required to isolate for the 10 day period. The date of last contact with a confirmed case is day zero. The 10-day self-isolation period will end at the end at Midnight on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> May.

We will resume remote learning for Friday 30<sup>th</sup> April in the first instance pending the PCR result. If students are required to isolate for the 10 day period we will provide full online lesson provision.

If your son or daughter is well at the end of the 10-day period they will be able to end their self isolation from Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> May. Other members of your household can continue normal activities provided your son or daughter does not develop symptoms within the 10-day self-isolation period.

Please see the link to the PHE Staying at Home Guidance:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-households-with-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection>

### **What to do if your son or daughter develops symptoms of COVID 19**

If your child develops symptoms arrange for a COVID test. This can be done via <https://www.nhs.uk/ask-for-a-coronavirus-test> or by calling 119.

**If their test is negative they must still continue to self-isolate for the 10 day period, regardless of the negative test result.**

**If their test is positive** they will need to self-isolate for **10 days** from the date when their symptoms start. All your household members must self-isolate for 14 days.

**The date of symptom onset is day zero.**

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-households-with-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection>.

## General COVID information

### Symptoms

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

- recent onset of new continuous cough or
- high temperature or
- 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 you are concerned about your child's health or the health of anyone else in your house please seek advice from your GP or NHS 111 by phoning 111.**

### There are things you can do to reduce the risk of getting COVID-19:

- continue with twice weekly LFT testing and report all results as requested
- 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/>

### Remote learning

Our aim is that your child will be able to follow most of their lessons at the usual time from home by accessing Microsoft TEAMS. This will commence tomorrow, with a combination of live lessons delivered by the teacher from school and learning activities that teachers will leave for students to complete independently.

Your child should by now be familiar with this process, but we are aware that some will need support and advice. If you need any clarification or support then please contact your child's Student Support Assistant for their respective house.

Yours faithfully



Simon Warburton  
Principal