

Thursday 12th November 2020

Dear Parents and Carers of Year 7 Students

This morning we were informed that one of our Year 7 students has tested positive for Covid 19. The student was last in school on Monday 9th November. We are taking the highest precautions and following the national guidance and the advice from our local Health Protection Team.

This morning we identified which students may have been in close contact with the student who tested positive, and those parents have been contacted and advised to self-isolate.

Your child is not a contact of the affected student so does not need to self isolate so should continue to attend school as normal.

You may be aware that during the course of this week staff shortages arising from Covid-19 led to the partial closure of the school, and as a consequence Year 9 students have been learning at home since Tuesday. They will return to site on Monday. At present, we do not have a full enough picture to determine whether a similar measure may be necessary next week. The nature of Covid-19 is that the picture is dynamic and can change very rapidly. However, I wanted to alert you to the fact that if we *do* find ourselves in the difficult position of partial closure, it may be Year 7 students who are asked to remain at home and to engage in distance learning. I will aim to share an update with you prior to Monday morning but wanted to alert you to this possibility in the interests of transparency and to support families to consider home learning options. **At this stage, the plan is for the school to be open to all year groups as usual.**

Please be assured we are continuing with our strict hygiene measures with enhanced cleaning throughout the building, including disinfectant fogging the entire building every day.

What to do if your child develops symptoms of COVID 19

If your child develops symptoms of COVID-19, **you should inform the school and organise for your child to be tested** via the [NHS online portal](https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/) or by calling 119. Your household should isolate until you receive the test results giving the all clear.

Symptoms of COVID 19

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

- new continuous cough and/or
- high temperature and/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.

Further information is available at <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

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I understand that this can be an anxious time for many and I appreciate your ongoing support.

Best wishes



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