



Saturday 28th November 2020

FOR PARENTS OF CLOSE CONTACTS OF COVID-19

Dear Parent/Carer,

Advice for Child to Self-Isolate for 14 Days

We have been informed today that there has been a confirmed case of COVID-19 within the sixth form bubble. We are grateful to the family for letting us know immediately.

We have tracked back to when the student become symptomatic. Taking this information into account and advice from Public Health, we have taken the decision that the whole bubble must now self-isolate. Namely, all students in both Years 12 and 13. This is to mitigate the spread of the virus any further within the school and local community.

We will revert to online teaching via Microsoft Teams as of first thing Monday 30th November 2020.

In line with the national guidance and with advice from Public Health we ask that your child now stays at home and self-isolates up until midnight on **Tuesday 8th December 2020**. Your child must not go to school or any public areas: your child must remain at home. Further details of what your child needs to do are in NHS Guidance:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/testing-for-coronavirus/nhs-test-and-trace-if-youve-been-in-contact-with-a-person-who-has-coronavirus/>

Students will return to sixth form on Wednesday 9th December 2020. *It is important all students return on this date, providing they are not showing any symptoms or are unwell.*

We are asking you to do this to reduce the further spread of COVID 19 to others in the community. If you need support with isolation, please contact your local Council.

Other members of your household can continue normal activities provided your child does not develop symptoms within the self-isolation period.

If your child is well at the end of the period of self-isolation, then they can return to usual activities.

What to do if your child develops symptoms of COVID 19

For most people, especially children, COVID-19 will be a mild illness.

The most common symptoms of 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)

If your child develops any of these symptoms of COVID-19, they should remain at home and arrangements should be made for them to be tested. At that time all other household members must also stay at home, not go to work, school or public areas, even for exercise. Testing can be arranged by calling 119 or via the NHS website: nhs.uk/coronavirus

When the result of the child's test is known further advice will be available.

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:

- 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 nhs.uk/coronavirus

Yours sincerely

Dr Janice Gorlach
Deputy CEO

Mr Darren Stewart
Head of School