



Friday 27th November 2020

Information for Parents – Years 8 & 9, part 7, 10 and 11

Dear Parents/ Carers

We have been made aware of some members of our school community who have tested positive for COVID 19.

We know that you may find this concerning but we are continuing to monitor the situation and are working closely with Public Health England. 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.

In line with DfE guidance and as of today, the school is supporting students as follows:

Year 7 – Open to a part year group. Isolating students have been informed separately and will be returning on either the 7th or 8th December according to the letter received for their child

Year 8 – Open

Year 9 – Isolating and return on Tuesday 1st December

Year 10 – Open to a part year group. Isolating students have been informed separately and will be returning on either the 1st or 7th December according to the letter received for their child

Year 11 – Open to a part year group. Isolating students have been informed separately and will be returning on either the 4th or 7th December according to the letter received for their child

Please note that family members of isolating students do not need to isolate unless anyone in the household show symptoms.

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'.

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:

- a new continuous cough
- a high temperature
- 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.

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

- 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



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- 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/>

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued help in ensuring that we mitigate risk from contracting and spreading Covid-19 as far as possible. **When your child is in school, please continue to send them with their own facemask** and reinforce our rules around distancing, handwashing, wearing of facemasks and staying within year group 'bubbles' (hands/ face/ space). I am sure that you understand but I am taking a zero tolerance approach with anyone who does not comply with these rules.

If you are a parent of a child who is isolating, please continue to ensure they are accessing their work remotely via SharePoint. Do not hesitate to contact tutors or heads of year with any queries.

These are challenging times and I am sure that we can work our way through them if we remain united together. Thank you in anticipation of your ongoing support and positive feedback.

Yours sincerely,

Katie Roberts
Headteacher

