

14th April 2021

Advice to Parents – Years 7, 8, 9 and 10

Dear Parents,

We have been informed that a pupil has received a positive Covid-19 asymptomatic test result. We are awaiting the results of a confirmatory PCR test. We have identified close contacts and sent them home to self-isolate in accordance with government guidance. If the PCR test is subsequently negative, all pupils will be able to return to school and we will inform those affected of this. The parents of the pupils identified have been contacted and received a different letter to this one.

The 40 people in the affected bubble, in this case Year 11, who may have been in direct prolonged contact with the person who have a confirmed case will be staying at home for 10 days and have received a different letter to this one. All other Year 11 students are expected to remain in school.

The school remains open for Years 7, 8, 9 and 10 and your child should continue to attend if they remain well.

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 **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 10 days. This includes anyone in your 'Support Bubble'. You must inform us of any case of symptoms and any test result. 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 10-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 10 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.

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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 or anyone in the household does develop symptoms, you can seek advice from NHS 111 at <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/check-if-you-have-coronavirus-symptoms/> 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.

- 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/>

Yours sincerely



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