



Year 7 – Adjusted self-isolation period

21st September 2020

Dear Parent/Carer,

Over the last two weeks we have been made aware that a small number of the school community have tested positive for COVID-19.

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.

The school remains open although we have needed to implement our remote learning plan for different year groups due to staff absence levels. Whilst Year 7 were originally advised to self-isolate until Tuesday 29th September, we are pleased to report a revision to this timeline following further discussions with Public Health England today. Year 7 students will no longer need to self-isolate from today **Monday 21st September**. Unfortunately, due to low staffing levels, it is not yet possible for Year 7 students to return to on-site learning. We will, therefore, confirm the day before they are to return to school. In the meantime, students should continue to attend form time and lessons via Microsoft Teams. Please contact the school if you have any issues with IT access. We do understand the disruption this causes families and can only assure you we are doing everything we can to return students to on-site learning as quickly, but as safely, as possible.

What to do if your child develops symptoms of COVID 19

If your child develops symptoms of COVID-19, they should remain at home for at least 7 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.

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.

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 to, 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 of COVID 19



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

- new continuous cough and/or
- high temperature
- 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 your child 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

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
- 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 faithfully,

Mr Bailey
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Miss Slater
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