

20 October 2020

Dear Parent/carers

Advice to All Parents – Year 9 Bubble case

Following on from the letter sent out yesterday, we have been advised by Public Health England that there has been another confirmed case of COVID-19 within the Year 9 bubble. We know that you may find this concerning but we are continuing to monitor the situation and are working closely with Public Health England.

The child concerned was symptomatic on the 17th October therefore, in line with the national guidance we recommend that **all students in Year 9 now stay at home and self-isolate until Saturday 31 October 2020** (This does not include students in the independent Hive or Haven bubbles).

Other members of your household do not have to self-isolate during this period if they remain well. The school remains open for all other year groups and your child should continue to attend.

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'.

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.

Yours sincerely



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