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Dear Parents/Carers

Unfortunately, we are in the position to confirm a case of COVID-19 within our Year 11 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. 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.

This means that all students in Year 11 (but not those in the Hive, Hub or Haven) and identified close contact staff members must now self-isolate from today for 10 days whether they are displaying symptoms or not. Year 11 students may return to school on Tuesday 24th November 2020.

Work for Year 11 students will be arranged remotely during this time and your child will receive further instructions on how to access this on Monday via their school email accounts.

Following advice from Public Health England, family members do not need to isolate unless their child becomes symptomatic, in which case they would need to book a COVID-19 test for them (link below).

The school remains open for all other year groups and your child/ren should continue to attend if they remain well.

Public Health England provide the following advice and information:

What to do if your child develops symptoms of COVID-19

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.

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>

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

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/>

At all times, the safety of our students, staff and wider community is our number one priority. We will continue to keep you updated via all communication channels. Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely



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