

10 November 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

This morning we have been informed of a positive confirmed case of COVID-19 within our Year 12/13 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.

The students (Year 12/13 Bubble) who have been in close contact with the individual who has tested positive for coronavirus (COVID-19) have been contacted informing them that their child must stay at home for 14 days.

The school remains open to Year 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11. Your child should continue to attend as normal if they remain well, unless they are in Year 12 or Year 13.

What to do if your child develops symptoms of COVID 19

Here is an important reminder of the actions all of us need to take should you feel the onset of any symptoms. We must all continue to be vigilant and disciplined. **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. If your child has any of the above symptoms please ensure you do not send your child to school and arrange a test.**

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)

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>

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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
- 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/>. We will keep you updated should we need to provide you with any further information. We are advised that this letter contains all the relevant COVID-19 guidance; if you have any further questions please contact Mr Maw (mawm@skdrive.org.uk).

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely



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