



Monday 23rd November 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

RE: Notification of a positive case of Covid-19 in Year 9

We have been informed that a student in Year 9 has tested positive for Covid-19. The student was last in school on Friday 20th November and, therefore, we are required to conduct the track and trace process to see who had close contact with the individual. As the track and trace process requires 3-4 hours we will not be able to notify parents in Year 9 this evening and, therefore, **I must ask all students in Year 9 to self-isolate and remain away from school on Tuesday 24th November.** Once we have conducted the track and trace process we will contact Year 9 parents during the day tomorrow to clarify who can return to school on Wednesday 25th and who must continue to self-isolate as a result of their close contact.

All staff will set remote learning for Year 9 via the Microsoft Teams platform. With whole classes away it may be possible for lessons to take place via video, so teachers will be in contact via your child's school email address if this is the case.

The safety of our school community is absolutely paramount and the decision to remain open to other year groups follows consultation and advice with public health specialists.

Further information is available from the government at <https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus> or the NHS at <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>.

In school, we will continue to follow all of our Covid-secure measures and protocols and I appreciate your support.

We recognise that some pupils will experience a variety of emotions in response to a positive case connected to our school. If you are concerned please do contact your son or daughter's Year Leader, so that we can offer appropriate support.

Should you have any questions then please do contact me directly.

Best wishes,

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