

Tuesday 20th October 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

Isolating the Year 8 Bubble from Wednesday 21st October 2020

Following the letter, sent to you this morning detailing that we had been notified of a positive test in the school, we have been in regular contact with Public Health England, Dorset County and Ambitions Academy Trust.

As stated, this morning, all close contacts (see definition below) of the confirmed case were identified and advised (last night) to self-isolate at home for 14 days as per the PHE guidance.

Today we have continued to investigate the potential for other students to have had contact as per the guidance from PHE (see definition below). As a result of this investigation we are taking a precautionary stance and have made the decision that all Year 8 students isolate as from the end of today.

They have remained in their separate Bubble all day so we are confident we can avoid further groups having to isolate at the present time.

Both of the recent cases of Covid19 had their origins outside of the school and were not linked to one another, which is why I continue to ask parents to ensure their children are following the Rule of six and other government guidance to stay safe when not at school.

PHE and NHS Definition of 'close contact'

- having face-to-face contact with someone less than 1m away (this will include times where you have worn a face covering or a face mask)
- spending more than 15 minutes within 2m of someone
- Travelled in a small space such as a car with a someone with Covid19

Symptoms of COVID 19

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

- **new continuous cough and/or**
- **high temperature and/or**
- **a loss of, or change in, normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia)**

For most people, coronavirus (COVID-19) will be a mild illness.

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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:

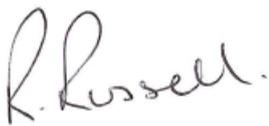
- wash your hands with soap and water often – do this for at least 20 seconds
- use hand sanitiser gel if soap and water are not available
- wash your hands as soon as you get home from school or work
- cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or your sleeve (not your hands) when you cough or sneeze
- put used tissues in the bin immediately and wash your hands afterwards
- Wear a face covering when in communal areas of the school outside of classrooms

Further Information

Further information is available at <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

I have attached a check sheet so you can have clear guidance on when to keep your child at home, how long for and what other actions you need to take.

Yours sincerely



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