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Dear Parent/Guardian

Collapse of Bubble and Remote Learning for Year 13

Following on from the confirmation of a positive test of a student, we have been asked to isolate additional students who may have been a contact in Year 13 by Public Health England.

We are currently working our way through the contacts for Year 13 which includes supervised study and lunch, and as a result, we are taking the precaution of asking all Year 13 students to isolate until 5pm on Wednesday 30 September. By this point we will be able to identify the exact contacts of the confirmed case and will write to you to inform you whether you need to extend your child's isolation.

Year 13 lessons will therefore be delivered remotely over the course of Tuesday and Wednesday and the instructions for lessons will be on Google Classroom.

With regards to isolation, we are asking that your child stays at home in line with government guidance. We are asking you to support this to reduce the further spread of COVID-19 to others in the community. Other members of your household can continue normal activities provided your child does not develop symptoms within the self-isolation period. Please see the link to:

Guidance for contacts of people with confirmed coronavirus (COVID-19) infection who do not live with the person:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-for-contacts-of-people-with-possible-or-confirmed-coronavirus-covid-19-infection-who-do-not-live-with-the-person>

Please refer to the letter further down for actions regarding COVID-19.

It is with huge regret that I am having to take this action but the safety of this community is my absolute priority. I also want to ensure that the quality of learning students receive is of the highest quality possible and we have a robust remote learning plan, which is available on our website. I can only apologise for any inconvenience this may cause but together, as a team, we will get through this and if we can support you in anyway, please do not hesitate to contact us.

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

If your child develops symptoms of COVID-19, they 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'.

The 14-day period starts from the day when the first person in the house became ill.

Household members should not go to work, school or public areas and exercise should be taken within the home. If you require help with buying groceries, other shopping or picking up medication, or walking a dog, you should ask friends or family. Alternatively, you can order your shopping online and medication by phone or online.

Household members staying at home for 14 days will greatly reduce the overall amount of infection the household could pass on to others in the community.

If you can, move any vulnerable individuals (such as the elderly and those with underlying health conditions) out of your home, to stay with friends or family for the duration of the home isolation period.

Please see the link to the PHE 'Stay at Home' Guidance:

<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 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.

If your child 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 is available at

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

Yours sincerely



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