



# MAIDEN ERLEGH

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Dear Parent/Guardian

### **Notification of positive COVID-19 test result – Year 11**

I am writing to inform you that late yesterday evening I received notification that one of our Year 11 students has tested positive for COVID-19. The student took the test on Sunday and was in school last week for some of the infectious period.

On receiving the notification, we immediately contacted The Department for Education and the Local Authority to discuss the situation and to clarify the action we need to take.

**We have traced any potential contacts and parents of contacts will have received a letter today informing students that they must isolate. As we had already taken the action last week with Year 11 there is only a small number of Year 11 being asked to isolate as a result of this case.**

I wish all those affected a speedy recovery and hope that they are doing well.

Whilst not relevant to this case, I feel it extremely important to remind you that if your child develops any of the symptoms below please ensure your child isolates and a test is booked. By not doing this the risk is increased for our school community, and whilst we are doing all we can to minimise the risk, this can eradicate much of this hard work. I appreciate your support on this matter.

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

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. Anyone with symptoms will be eligible for testing and this can be arranged via <https://www.nhs.uk/askfor-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-19stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-households-with-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection>

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 are able, 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.

## 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/>

Yours sincerely



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