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Dear Parent/Guardian

Notification of positive Covid-19 test result – Year 11

I am writing to inform you that this morning I have been notified of a Year 11 student testing positive for COVID19. As a result, and in line with our policy, we have identified contacts and asked them to isolate for a period 14 days from contact. Students will be provided with online learning, most of which will be live streamed from the classroom. We wish the student diagnosed a speedy recovery. **Please can I ask, as mentioned before, that if your child is tested and receives a positive result, you contact us via mescovidalert@maidenerleghtrust.org as I keep this email on my phone at all times. Some other emails are not manned over the weekend and in the evenings and so this allows us to start the tracing process early.**

I will be contacting The Department for Education to discuss the situation and to clarify any further action we need to take.

We do not currently believe that this case is linked to any previous cases in Year 11. As always, I am sorry to have to take this action but the health of our community is an absolute priority.

I would also like to take this opportunity to share information about coronavirus as per the current guidance. Please see below:

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 faithfully



Mr P Gibson
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