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FOR PARENTS OF STUDENTS IN YEAR 10 AT THE PRIORY SCHOOL

Dear Parents/Carers,

We have been made aware that we now have two confirmed positive case of coronavirus (COVID-19) in Year 10 at The Priory School.

I have been in touch with Public health England and consulted with the DfE and they support us in taking the precautionary measure of closing the Year 10 group bubble. I have not taken this decision lightly but feel it is in the best interests of the wider community and will help to limit transmission prior to the school holidays.

This does not necessarily mean that your child has been in close contact with the individual but given the mixing during social times in communal areas, we have collectively agreed that this is the safest course of action. Your child does not have to self-isolate during this period unless we contact you because they have been identified as a close contact case. If your child has siblings in other year groups they should continue to attend unless someone in the household develops symptoms.

If your child is further identified as a close contact of the new positive case we will be writing to you separately and your child must self-isolate for 10 days. If they do not have symptoms or do not test positive during this period no one else in the household will need to self-isolate.

If your child is well at the end of the 10 day period of self-isolation, then they can return to usual activities on Monday 12th July.

Other members of your household can continue normal activities provided your child does not develop symptoms within the 10 day 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>

Remote learning during this period

From Friday 2nd July, students in Year 10 should log on to Teams at 8.25am for tutor time. Their lessons will now revert to the online format via Teams and will follow their normal scheduled timetable. Please ensure they are logged on and ready to go. All students in receipt of school laptops

should still have these but if there are any issues with technology please contact us on Friday 2nd July and will endeavour to support you. Please refer to our remote learning policy on the School website for further information about remote learning.

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 and arrange a test immediately. 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>.

People who do not have symptoms should not request a test unless this has been specifically requested by Public Health England or the local authority.

All other household members who remain well must stay at home and not leave the house for 10 days. This includes anyone in your 'Support Bubble'.

The 10-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 10 days will greatly reduce the overall amount of infection the household could pass on to others in the community.

If you are able to, 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 the nhs.uk website at <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/check-if-you-have-coronavirus-symptoms/>. If you are concerned about your child's symptoms, or they are worsening you can seek advice from NHS 111 at <https://111.nhs.uk/> 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/>

Please contact us via the usual methods if you would like any further clarification. If the situation changes I will be in touch with you immediately. Thank you for your continued support and understanding during these difficult times.

Yours sincerely



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