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FOR THE ATTENTION OF THE PERSON WITH PARENTAL RESPONSIBILITY

Re: Covid-19 Update

We have been advised by the West Midlands Health Protection Team that one of our Year 9 students has received a positive COVID-19 test result. The student will be isolating for 10 days and all other members of the family will be isolating for 14 days.

Following the national guidance, the West Midlands Health Protection Team have informed us of the following:

- All students in **Year 9** must isolate at home with immediate effect
- Other members of the household do not need to isolate (including siblings in other year groups here at school) provided your child does not develop symptoms within the 14-day isolation period
- This isolation period will be for 14 days, so if students remain well they will return to school on Thursday, 24th September
- We will use the Microsoft Teams platform to continue to provide work for students who are isolating at home

Please see the link to the PHE Staying 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>

We are asking you to do this to reduce the further spread of COVID-19 to others in the community.

While these circumstances will cause concern for everybody within our school community, you do not need to request a test unless you are showing symptoms.

The main symptoms to be aware of are:

- new continuous cough
- fever/high temperature
- loss of, or change in, sense of smell or taste

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



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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

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

We are also hopeful that the extensive measures that we have put into place at school will have been successful in avoiding the spread of the virus across other year groups.

Yours sincerely,



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Headteacher