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Church of England High School and Sixth Form College

16th September 2020

Dear Parent/ Carer

We have been notified of a confirmed case of COVID 19 within our school.

Your child has been identified as a close contact of the confirmed case.

We have been advised by Public Health England (PHE) that all pupils within Y9 should isolate until **Monday 28th September**. This means they should stay at home and self-isolate from others. They should only return to school on Monday 28th September, 8.45am.

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

If, after the period of isolation your child is feeling fit and well, they may cease the self-isolation and can return to usual activities. A negative test does not mean that your child can return to school earlier than Monday 28th September.

Other members of your household can continue normal activities, provided no-one in the household develops symptoms during the 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>

What to do if your child develops symptoms of COVID 19

If your child or any other member of your household develops symptoms of COVID-19 during this period of isolation, (or beyond), they should remain at home for at least 10 days from the date when symptoms appeared as advised in <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance>

You should arrange for testing for the person with symptoms via <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-getting-tested> or 111.nhs.uk or primary care.

Please inform school immediately if a positive case is identified within your household by telephoning 01942 768801 and speak to your Head of Year.

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. This may mean your child is unable to return to school on Monday 28th September as stated above.

Household members should not go to work, school or public areas and exercise should be taken within the home. 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 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.

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:

- 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/>

The safety of your child, and the safety of others is the most important consideration at this time. Whilst they are isolating, pupils should continue with their school work remotely. This work can be accessed via Synergy 'classwork'. Synergy is accessed via a link on the school website.

If you have any queries or require any further information, please do not hesitate to get in touch with school.

Yours faithfully



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