

8th November 2020

Dear Parent/Carer

I am writing to let you know that there have been confirmed cases of COVID-19 in the school. Having sought advice from Public Health England, we are now implementing a partial closure of the school and your child must now transition to remote learning from home for 11 days from today as a precaution, to limit any transmission of the virus. Your child can return to school on Friday 20th November 2020.

Please note that the Year 11 mock exams will be postponed until a later date – further information will follow over the next few days.

All Year 11 students will be receiving an email to their academy email account later today from Ms Whiston. This email will contain all necessary information with regard to remote learning/live lessons. We would be grateful if you could ask your child to check their academy emails regularly. If your child has a query, or does not receive the information, please ask them to email Ms Whiston first thing tomorrow morning on:

nwhiston@ormistonhorizonacademy.co.uk

As a result of the strict safety protocols we have in place, we have been able to act immediately to implement this additional action, in line with Government advice. We of course understand and appreciate that this may cause some disruption, but we must adhere closely to the Government guidance to safeguard our students and staff, as well as the wider school community.

We ask that you ensure your child self-isolates for the above period, as a precautionary measure. Household members of your child do not need to self-isolate, unless your child who is self-isolating subsequently develops symptoms. If your child develops symptoms, they will need to get tested and if the test delivers a negative result, they must remain in isolation for the remainder of the 14-day isolation period. If the result is positive, we ask that you inform the school immediately and isolate for at least 10 days from the onset of their symptoms, and the household should self-isolate for at least 14 days from when the symptomatic person first had symptoms.

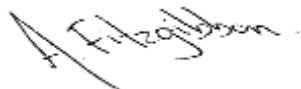
Ensuring everyone's health, safety and wellbeing, whilst maintaining a consistent education for our students with minimal disruption, has been and continues to be our absolute priority for this academic year. Your child will be accessing remote learning from home to limit any disruption to their education and we have ensured they have access to high quality remote education resources that are linked to the curriculum expectations.

Meanwhile, we are continuing to work closely with our local health protection team to ensure that we are taking all the necessary precautions, and will be continuing to operate the many other robust safety measures we have in place at the school.

I want to take this opportunity to thank you for your ongoing support, understanding and cooperation. We completely appreciate that COVID-19 continues to create challenges but ensuring the safety of our school community is absolutely paramount.

We look forward to welcoming your child back to the classroom following this period. In the meantime, if you have any questions or queries that you would like to discuss further, please do not hesitate to get in touch with myself or Mrs N James, Operations Manager – we are here to help.

Yours sincerely



Mr A Fitzgibbon
Principal