

14th December 2020

Dear Parent/Carer

I am writing to let you know that there have been multiple confirmed cases of COVID-19 in the Year 11 Bubble. 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 tomorrow. As a precaution, to limit any further transmission of the virus, all students will need to isolate up to (and including) Saturday 19th December 2020 and can return to school on Tuesday 5th January 2021.

As per the Y11 remote learning procedures, all lessons will be scheduled on Teams from Personal Tutor time on Tuesday 15th December until period 4 on Thursday 17th December. If you have any queries, please email Ms Whiston, Mr Roberts or Mrs Smith.

As a result of the strict safety protocols we have in place, we have been able to act quickly and sensibly 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 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 10 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. We realise this is far from ideal, particularly for our Year 11 cohort, however, we have no alternative as we have to follow government guidance to ensure the safety of our community.

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 significant challenges for us all, particularly as we enter the holiday period.

We look forward to welcoming your child back to the classroom in the new year. 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