

12th July 2021

Y8 Parent Information Letter

Dear Parent/Carer,

I am writing to let you know that there have been multiple confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Year 8. Having sought advice from Public Health England, we are now implementing a partial closure of Y8 and some students within the year group will now transition to remote learning.

You will shortly receive one of the following two messages:

1. Your child has been identified as a close contact of a positive Covid case and will now need to isolate up to (and including) Monday 19th July 2021 and can return to school on Tuesday 20th July 2021.
2. Your child has **not** been identified as a close contact and can therefore return to the academy on Tuesday 13th July at 8.30am.

Please be sure to read your individual message carefully.

As per the Year 8 remote learning procedures, all lessons will be scheduled on Teams. If you have any queries, please email Ms Whiston, Miss Wilkes or Miss Sheldon on the email addresses below:

nwhiston@ormistonhorizonacademy.co.uk

lwilkes@ormistonhorizonacademy.co.uk

ksheldon@ormistonhorizonacademy.co.uk

As a result of the 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 - the household should then self-isolate for at least 10 days from when the symptomatic person first had symptoms.

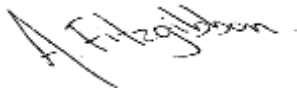
Ensuring everyone's health, safety and wellbeing, whilst maintaining a consistent education for our students with minimal disruption, has been and continues to be our absolute priority for this academic year. Your child will be accessing remote learning from home to limit any disruption to their education 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 8 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 Summer holiday 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