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Dear parents/carers,

We have been informed of a possible 6 cases of COVID-19 within the Year 9 bubble. Due to this we have been advised by Public Health England to close the Year 9 bubble until the end of term. Close contacts of the positive cases will be notified and will need to self-isolate. If you have not received notification of this then you are not in isolation.

We have worked with Public Health England and take advice on a regular basis to ensure that our processes and procedures are in place to reduce the risk of transmission, however if we are concerned we need to take action in order to ensure the safety of all of our school community.

Students should be accessing their lessons on TEAMS from tomorrow, and firefly where directed. If any students are struggling to access work, they need to contact their Head of Year, we will try to resolve the IT issues, or we will provide the student with a work pack. Friday 18th December has been designated as a staff training day, therefore the term will end on Thursday 17th December. Students will not return to school until **Tuesday 5th January 2021.**

If you are in receipt of free school meals, please contact the school office if you require a food parcel. These will need to be collected from school.

Please can I remind you that if any students develop symptoms then you must inform the school immediately, so that we can trace any contacts.

What to do if your child develops symptoms of COVID 19

If your child develops symptoms of COVID-19, they must not come to school and 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. This includes anyone in your 'Support Bubble'.

Further information is available at: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-households-with-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection>

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

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





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If you require help with buying groceries, other shopping or picking up medication, or walking a dog, you should ask friends or family. Alternatively, you can order your shopping online and medication by phone or online.

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, 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

The most common symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) are recent onset of:

- a new continuous cough
- a high temperature
- a loss of, or change in, your 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 the nhs.uk website at <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/check-if-you-have-coronavirus-symptoms/>. If you are concerned about your child's symptoms, or they are worsening you can seek advice from NHS 111 at <https://111.nhs.uk/> 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 is available at <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

If you have any questions or concerns please contact school.

Yours sincerely,

Jill Sweeney
Headteacher

