

Dear Parent/Carer,

We are sorry to confirm that a student in the Year 9 and Year 10 bubble has tested positive for Coronavirus (COVID-19) on a Lateral Flow Device test (LFD)  
We have followed the national guidance and have identified that your child may have been in close contact with the individual who has tested positive for COVID-19.

Under current government guidance, any Lateral Flow test result that is positive has to be followed up with a Covid 19 PCR test. Once we have confirmation of this result we will be able to advise you on whether your child needs to isolate for the full 10 days, up to and including Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> May, or whether they can return to school and stop isolating.

**Please note: Until you hear from us to confirm this result your child must stay at home and self-isolate until Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> May.**

If you have any children in any other year groups they are to attend school as normal unless anyone in your household develops symptoms.

We know that you may find this news concerning, but we are monitoring the situation closely.

We will provide home learning materials during this time, and your child needs to complete this work on their digital device. Remote lessons will be delivered via Teams from Monday 26<sup>th</sup> April in line with normal timetables. More details will be sent out tomorrow regarding this. Work has already been set for Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> April which is a training day.

Other members of your household can continue normal activities, provided your child does not develop symptoms within the 10-day self-isolation period.

For more information, please see the guidance for contacts of people with confirmed coronavirus (COVID-19) infection who do not live with the person:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-for-contacts-of-people-with-possible-or-confirmed-coronavirus-covid-19-infection-who-do-not-live-with-the-person>

### **What to do if your child develops symptoms of COVID-19**

Having been identified as a close contact, if your child then develops symptoms of COVID-19, they should remain at home for at least 10 days from the date when their symptoms appeared. Symptoms of COVID-19 are a new, continuous cough, or a high temperature, or a loss of, or change in, their normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia). If this happens, you should arrange for your child to take a PCR test by going to

<https://www.nhs.uk/ask-for-a-coronavirus-test> or by calling 119.

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If your child or household member test positive for COVID-19, please let the school know immediately on the details below as we may need to let others know if they also need a test.

All other household members who remain well must stay at home and not leave the house for 10 days. This includes anyone in your 'Support Bubble' or 'Childcare Bubble'. The isolation period includes the day the first person in your household's symptoms started (or the day their test was taken if they did not have symptoms) and the next 10 full days. This means that if, for example, your 10-day isolation period starts on the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month, your isolation period ends at 23:59 hrs on the 25<sup>th</sup>, and you can return to your regular routine.

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 10 days will significantly reduce the overall amount of infection the household could pass on to others in the community. For more information, please read PHE's 'Stay at Home' guidance: [www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-households-with-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-households-with-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection)

People who do not have symptoms or have not tested positive using a Lateral Flow Device should not request a PCR test unless this has been specifically requested by Public Health England or the local authority.

For more information, please read PHE's '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>

### **For most people, COVID-19 will be a mild illness.**

If your child does develop symptoms, you can seek advice from the nhs.uk website at [www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/check-if-you-have-coronavirus-symptoms](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.

### **Test and Trace payment support**

If you need to take time off work to care for your child and are likely to struggle financially as a result of being unable to work from home, this letter will allow you to apply to your local authority for financial support under the Test and Trace support payment scheme, and you can find more details

here: [www.gov.uk/government/publications/test-and-trace-support-payment-scheme-claiming-financial-support/claiming-financial-support-under-the-test-and-trace-support-payment-scheme](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/test-and-trace-support-payment-scheme-claiming-financial-support/claiming-financial-support-under-the-test-and-trace-support-payment-scheme)

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## How to stop COVID-19 from 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

We hope to be in contact with you on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> April to let you know if your child needs to isolate for the full 10 days or whether they can return to school earlier.

Yours sincerely



Roger Punton  
Principal