



27 October 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

This afternoon we have been informed of a positive confirmed case of COVID-19 within our Year 11 bubble. We have been advised by the Department for Education that no further action is needed as the child was self isolating for three days before the test was taken. We continue to work with the Department for Education and Public Health England to ensure that all necessary steps are taken to manage all situations to reduce the risk of transmission. If you have not been contacted by us, or by Track and Trace, your child has not been identified as a close contact and is not required to self isolate. Providing your child has no symptoms, your child should return to school on Tuesday 3 November 2020.

Here is an important reminder of the actions all of us need to take should you feel the onset of any symptoms.

What to do if your child develops symptoms of COVID 19

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)

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. When Term 2 begins on Tuesday 3 November, if your child has any of the above symptoms please ensure you do not send your child to school and arrange a test. 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. 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.

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

Further information is available at <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>. We will keep you updated should we need to provide you with any further information. We are advised that this letter contains all the relevant COVID-19 guidance; if you have any further questions please contact Mr Maw (mawm@skdrive.org.uk).

Remain vigilant and calm

We know each update regarding a confirmed positive case at St Katherine's may cause concern. Please be reassured that in each case we are following the advice of the Department for Education helpline to reduce the risk to others as much as possible.

Thank you for your continued support during this challenging time.

Yours sincerely



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