



Mrs J. Smith
Head of School

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Dear Parent/Carer

Today we have received news of a confirmed positive test for Covid-19 for a Year 8 student who was last in school on Friday 11 September and began feeling unwell that evening. We have been alerted to this today.

We know that you may find this concerning but we are continuing to monitor the situation and are working closely with Public Health England. This letter is to inform you of the current situation and provide advice on how to support your child. Please be reassured that for most people, coronavirus (COVID-19) will be a mild illness.

The school has been in contact with Public Health England. As a result, all Year 8 students are to self-isolate for 7 days with immediate effect. The school will re-open to Year 8 students on Monday 28 September. This is because students should isolate for 14 days after contact with a student displaying symptoms.

We are confident that Year 8 students have remained in their 'bubble' since the start of term and only had passing contact with other students in all other year groups around the school site. The student has no other siblings in any other secondary school in the town and does not travel to school by bus.

We have planned for this eventuality and teachers will be ready to deliver lessons to Year 8 via Teams throughout the week. Students should join every online lesson they can and attendance will be monitored. PE lessons won't be available live. If any staff teaching your child are unwell they will post a message to students to let them know they won't be live and tasks will be set as assignments on Teams instead wherever we can. Support with using Microsoft Teams can be found here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NGuv9wHCWYE>

All students and staff in school next week will be expected to wear a face covering in corridors and communal areas inside the school buildings.

You may have other questions which can be answered by referring to the FAQs document which we have posted <https://web.kshs.uk/data/website/Covid-19/Covid%20Guide%20FAQ.pdf> today on our school website.

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.

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>

Yours faithfully

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