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Dear Parents/Carers

We have been advised that there has been a confirmed case of COVID-19 within Year 8.

Following national and local guidance, we have identified the students who have been in close proximity in school to the affected student and written to their parents/carers separately about the self-isolation that their child must now do. Please note this is in relation to in-school activity only. Test and Trace are responsible for following up any close contacts that have occurred outside of the school. The whole of Year 8 is not required to self-isolate.

The school remains open with lessons continuing as normal. However, this should serve as a reminder that we must take this seriously and all the mitigating procedures put in place in school must be adhered to by all of the school community. In addition, it is vital that all students and their families follow the guidance and laws implemented to reduce the risk of COVID-19.

The students affected will be self-isolating for the appropriate amount of time based on their last contact with the affected student as advised by Thames Valley Public Health/NHS Test and Trace.

Please can we take this opportunity to remind parents/carers not to send their child to school if they are showing any of the COVID-19 symptoms. Anyone showing symptoms must self-isolate and request a test and not come back until either a negative test result has been received or it has been 10 days since the first symptoms.

The most common symptoms of COVID-19 are:

· a new continuous cough

· a high temperature

· a loss of, or change in, your normal sense of taste or smell.

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 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.

If your child or anyone in the household does develop symptoms, you can seek advice from NHS 111 at https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/check-if-you-have-coronavirus-symptoms/ or by phoning 111.

All other household members must stay at home and not leave the house for 10 days from the date the first person in the house became ill. This includes anyone in your 'Support Bubble'.

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.

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.

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

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If you have any further questions please email the Director of Learning for Year 8, Miss Bawden.

Best wishes

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