



6 November 2020

Dear parents and carers,

As you know, yesterday at 09:40 I took the decision to send 9M CMY home. This was a precautionary decision based on one positive test. Given that the student had only been back in school for one day since the half term holiday and on that day all lessons were taught in their tutor group, it was not necessary to send the whole year group to self-isolate. By Tuesday 16 November 14 days will have elapsed and, so long as there are no more cases, it will be safe for the whole tutor group to return.

In the meantime, on-line teaching is in place for all lessons. Students need to log in to Teams where they will receive their normal lessons virtually and registers will be taken every hour. We are hoping that this short term measure is a small sacrifice to keep everyone safe. School goes on for all other year groups and siblings should come to school as usual.

If your child develops Covid-19 symptoms (continual dry cough or a temperature greater than 37.7 degrees, a loss or change to their sense of taste) please notify the school and seek a test as soon as possible. Once you have received the result of the test please can you tell us immediately as it will inform the decisions we are making about the whole school. Please don't feel alarmed, we have a dedicated site team who clean all rooms and corridors thoroughly and continually throughout the day. However so that we are confident that the school is safe it is incumbent on everyone, students and staff, to keep a distance from each other and wash our hands regularly. We are confident that the school is clean and safe.

We need to be vigilant of these matters because there are family members and staff who are vulnerable were they to become infected, we owe it to them and our community to behave in a sensible way.

Yours faithfully

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