



HEADTEACHER:

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Dear Parents and Carers,

As the National and Local press begin to report that many schools are now sending 'Bubbles' of students home, I thought it was timely to remind you of our procedures in the event that a student tests positive for Covid-19.

Firstly, please remember that if your child is displaying any symptoms of C-19, you need to isolate them, and the rest of your family, and arrange for a test by phoning 119 or by booking online: www.nhs.uk/ask-for-a-coronavirus-test.

The symptoms are:

- A high temperature
- A new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours
- A loss or change to your sense of smell or taste

In the event that this test is negative, your child can return to school. In the event that the test is positive, your child needs to isolate for 10 days and the rest of your household for 14 days to see if any symptoms develop. Please contact our Attendance Officer, Sarah Moss, if your child will be absent for any reason.

In the event that a student tests positive for C19 then I will inform all parents via sims-in-touch and via social media platforms. You should continue to send your child to school unless informed that your child formed part of the same 'Bubble' as the affected child. In that instance you will be informed that this is the case and your child will need to isolate for 14 days. There is no need for any other member of your family to isolate at this stage, unless they develop symptoms, in which case you should arrange for testing (as above).

Our arrangements for Home Learning are as follows:

1. In the event that a 'Bubble' is asked to stay at home, your child's timetable will run as normal. Teachers will deliver live lessons via Microsoft Teams. Further instructions on how to access this will be sent to you at this time.
2. If your child's Bubble is at home, but one of their teachers is also at home, either because they are isolating or because a member of their family is ill, work for that subject will still be set via Teams, but this may not be 'live'.



3. If your child's teacher is too unwell to set work, then work will still be set via Show My Homework, but this will be organised by another member of that department and so, although we will do our utmost to ensure the work is aligned to your child's curriculum, it may be slightly more generic for a short period of time.
4. If your child is at home because they are isolating or quarantining, but their Bubble is still in school, work will be sent home for them to complete. They will have the opportunity to attend some virtual support sessions via Teams, with subject specialists, but this will not necessarily be their class teacher. They should continue to complete the homework set on Show My Homework. We will not be able to run live lessons in this instance.

I fully appreciate that some students do not have a dedicated laptop or desktop device on which they can complete school work. We are currently undertaking an audit of provision (including information about internet access) so that we will know who needs to be provided with a device (and also possibly internet router) in the event that your child needs to move to Home Learning.

Please do continue to support us with the message of 'Hands – Face – Space' with your children. I am very proud of the positive start they have made to this academic year and I would like to thank you all for your patience as we adapt to this new normal.

Please do continue to contact your child's Head of Year with any questions.

With kind regards,



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