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Dear Parent,

Whole School Closure – All Year Groups

We have been advised that there have been a number of positive Covid-19 cases within school.

We have followed national guidance and we currently have four year groups isolating along with a number of staff. To reduce the further spread of COVID 19 to others in the community, school will be closed from Wednesday 25th November 2020 and will reopen on Monday 7th December 2020.

Year 11

Mock exams are suspended whilst the school is closed. The mock examination timetable for Year 11 will resume on Wednesday 9th December 2020. Students should continue to prepare for these examinations.

Year 11 remote learning will move to Microsoft teams from Thursday 26th November 2020 which starts at 9.15am and finishes 3.10pm excluding core PE. From Wednesday 25th November 2020, students will receive instructions on how to use Microsoft teams. Students are also advised to check Classcharts on a daily basis for further remote learning. If you have any queries regarding this please contact Head of Year 11 or your child's form tutor via their school email address.

If **YOU OR ANYONE ELSE** in your household is ill and showing any of the COVID-19 symptoms, then **YOU MUST** stay at home.

If you or anyone in your household is having or has had a COVID test **YOU MUST** stay at home until you know the result of that test - **You must follow these guidelines even if you have no symptoms and feel well.**

Yours faithfully

Mr P Shone
Headteacher

What to do if your child develops symptoms of COVID 19

If your child develops symptoms of COVID-19, they 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 .

People who do not have symptoms should not request a test unless this has been specifically requested by Public Health England or the local authority.

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'.

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

Please see the link to the PHE 'Stay at Home' Guidance:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-households-with-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection>

Symptoms of COVID 19

The most common symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) are recent onset of:

new continuous cough and/or
high temperature and/or
a loss of, or change in, normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia)

For most people, coronavirus (COVID-19) will be a mild illness

If your child does develop symptoms, you can seek advice from the nhs.uk website at <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/check-if-you-have-coronavirus-symptoms/>. If you are concerned about your child's symptoms, or they are worsening you can seek advice from NHS 111 at <https://111.nhs.uk/> or by phoning 111.

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/>