

Dear Parent/Carer,

I have now spoken to a clinician from East Midlands Public Health. She has advised the next steps that we should follow. We have therefore identified all the close contacts of the two students in year 11 who have been sent home to self-isolate.

I can confirm that the Year 11 students were last in school on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> November. In line with national guidance, we have identified those who have been in close contact and our risk assessment has resulted in our decision to ask all students who have been in close contact to self-isolate for 14 days, this will mean they are not return to school until Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> November. As this was a case in year 11 this has meant that approximately 50 students are now self-isolating. All close contacts have received a personalised letter confirming these details and outlining the online provision that will be available so that they can continue to learn from home.

We have been reassured that the risk of infection within the wider school community from this case is minimal and that all appropriate action has been taken. **Therefore, the school will remain open as usual for all students and staff who have not received a letter informing them that they need to self-isolate.**

This does provide another timely reminder of how important it is that the measures we have in school to help prevent the spread of infection are followed. We will continue to support our students so that these routines are always well embedded. I would emphasise the importance of monitoring the health of your child and should they say that they have any of the recognised symptoms then they must self-isolate with their family members.

It is important that you read the following information which has been provided by Public Health England. We are asking you to do this to reduce the transmission of Coronavirus.

### **COVID-19 Symptoms**

If your child is well now, they do not need any specific treatment. However, you should be vigilant for any symptoms of infection.

The common symptoms of COVID-19 are:

- **a high temperature, and/or**
- **a new continuous cough**
- **a loss of sense of taste or smell**

If you, or anyone in your family, has these symptoms now or in the future, stay at home for 10 days from when your symptoms started, even if you are mildly unwell. All other members of

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your household will need to self-isolate for 14 days. This is to protect others in your community. Do not go to a GP surgery, pharmacy, or hospital. If you or your child become unwell then contact NHS 111 for advice.

Testing for people with symptoms is available and more information can be found [here](#).

### Precautions

There are things you can do to avoid catching or spreading coronavirus:

- wash your hands with soap and water often – do this for at least 20 seconds
- when you leave your home, always wash your hands when you return
- use hand sanitiser gel if soap and water are not available
- 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
- try to avoid close contact with people who are unwell

More information on COVID-19 is available on these websites from the [NHS](#) and the [Government](#).

Keeping our children and families, staff and local community safe is our priority. It is vital that we follow government guidance and the advice from the local Public Health England Health Protection Team. We realise that you may have questions about the situation: if this is the case please contact [vjewell@ccs.northants.sch.uk](mailto:vjewell@ccs.northants.sch.uk) **Please note that we will not be able to discuss details relating to the individual case but** will do our best to answer any general questions that you may have as promptly as we can.

Thank you for your continued understanding and support in helping to keep everyone at our school safe.

Kind regards,



Gary Wakefield  
Vice Principal