



23<sup>rd</sup> November 2020

Dear Parent or Carer,

We have been advised by Public Health England that there is a confirmed case of COVID-19 within our College community.

**A Year 8 Student has tested positive. He was last in College on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> November. Due to the integration of the Year 8 'Bubble' for classes, lunch and breaks, any Year 8 student who was in College between Tuesday, 17<sup>th</sup> November and Friday 20<sup>th</sup> November must now self-isolate until Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> December inclusive (14 days after contact) and will return to College on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> December.**

I would like to take time to reassure you that we have taken all necessary actions since hearing this information to keep all children at our school as safe as possible.

**In light of the reduction of cases locally we will be liaising with the local authority to look at ways to reduce the size of the College bubbles.**

### 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

- 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/>

### 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 NHS 111 at

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/check-if-you-have-coronavirus-symptoms/> or by phoning 119.

Yours sincerely,

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