

**Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2021**

Dear Parent/Carer,

Following our dissemination of lateral flow tests for home testing, sadly, a student in Year 8 has tested positive for Covid-19 this morning.

**What happens next?**

Following a call to the DfE, and following the advice of Public Health England, we will now need to isolate any students/staff who have been classed as close contacts from Friday 21<sup>st</sup> March onwards. The child will now have a PCR test to confirm the result. If this comes back as positive, any close contacts will have to remain in isolation for the remainder of the isolation period. If this comes back as negative, all children who have had to isolate can return to school. We will get in touch with parents if the PCR does return as negative.

**How will I know if my child has been a close contact?**

You will be sent an additional letter to inform you if your child has been in close contact with the positive case. Your child will then have to self-isolate for 12 days starting from today until Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> April 2021.

**If my child is having to self-isolate and they remain well enough to complete schoolwork, will work be set?**

Work will be set for all children who are having to self-isolate. This will be set in the same way as before lockdown, via Teams. If your child cannot access Teams, please contact Miss Hemm to let her know so we can arrange paper copies – [lhemm@nusa.org.uk](mailto:lhemm@nusa.org.uk)

**What shall I do if my child presents Covid-19 symptoms?**

Please notify school as soon as you can.

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.

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

### ***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)

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 111.

### ***Further Information***

Further information is available at <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

If you have any concerns/queries/questions, please contact me directly on [ehoward@nusa.org.uk](mailto:ehoward@nusa.org.uk) and I will contact you back via telephone or email as per your preference.

Yours sincerely

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