



11th October 2020

Dear Parent/Carer

Re: Required student isolation Whole Year 8 Bubble

I am writing to inform you that a child or member of staff who has been in close contact with your child has tested positive for COVID-19 (coronavirus). They are currently isolating along with other members of their household.

As your child has been in close contact, they now need to isolate immediately for 14 days from the date that they were last in contact with the positive case (Thursday 8th October). This means that your child should isolate at home until Thursday 22nd October and are able to return to school on Friday 23rd October. No other household contacts need to isolate at this time.

If your child was a member of the small group of Year 8s who were sent home from school on Monday 5th October, they can return to school tomorrow as planned. Should parents wish, their child may instead return with the whole Year group on Friday 23rd October (please let Mrs Hanley know c.hanley@stjamesheadle.co.uk)

Please look out for symptoms of COVID-19 in your child whilst they are isolating (a temperature of 37.8°C or above, a new persistent cough or loss of, or change to, sense of taste or smell). If they develop any of these symptoms, please inform the school and keep your child home.

If your child (or any other household members) develop symptoms, follow the 'Stay at home guidance' which can be found here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance>

This link also provides information if you have a household where children and grandparents live together.

If your child does develop symptoms, please arrange for them to get tested as soon as possible. Tests can be booked on the NHS testing and tracing for coronavirus website using the link here:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-getting-tested> or a test can be arranged by telephoning NHS 119. Please contact the school with any test results once you know them in order to agree a provisional date for your child and any siblings to return to school. If your child tests positive for COVID-19, they should start a 10-day isolation period (regardless of any days already spent isolating due to being a close contact). If they test negative, continue with the agreed 14-day isolation period. At the end of the 14-day isolation period, your child can return to school (as long as they have not had a temperature, vomiting or diarrhoea for 48 hours).

Support during isolation; your child will now continue their learning remotely through Zoom online lessons and/or Show My Homework, where learning materials will be available, and teachers will be interacting with students and offering instruction when available. Students should login to Zoom following their normal timetable. All teacher classroom IDs and passwords are available on Show My Homework. Your child will only be let into the virtual classroom if their name reads as their surname and their form e.g. Smith 7J. More information can be found here: <http://www.stjamesheadle.co.uk/remote-learning/>



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If you feel your family may experience problems as a result of having to isolate (for example difficulty obtaining food or financial hardship), please contact Mrs Chadwick or Mrs Harrop directly at school. Please do not hesitate to contact school if you have any questions.

We look forward to welcoming your child back into school soon.

Yours faithfully

Mr A Pontifex
Headteacher