



29th September 2020

Dear Parent/Carer

Re: Positive Test Confirmed- Year 9

This morning the school received confirmation that a second member of the school community has tested positive for COVID-19. As a precautionary measure and following advice from Public Health England North West, we have contacted all relevant parents/carers of students who may have been in close contact via a phone-call and a separate letter with their child's name on it.

Due to the "Year group bubble" process operating within St James' Catholic High School, your child is unlikely to have come into contact with the member of the school community who has tested positive ("contact" for these purposes is defined as a person who has been within a 2-metre proximity of someone who has tested positive at any time from 48 hours before onset of symptoms). **Public Health England have advised against shutting the whole year group bubble.**

The school have adhered to all the guidelines from Public Health England and Stockport Local Authority and are following the robust risk assessment that is in place and your child can continue to attend school.

As always, should your child or anyone within your household develop any Covid 19 symptoms which include a temperature of 37.8°C or above, a new continuous cough or a change to or loss of sense of taste/smell; you should not send your child to school but must self-isolate immediately and arrange for a test.

Full information can be found at: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/self-isolationandtreatment/when-to-self-isolate-and-what-to-do/>

To help prevent the spread of Covid19, please continue to:

- wash your hands with soap and water often, for at least 20 seconds
- use hand sanitiser gel if soap and water are not available
- cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or your sleeve when you cough or sneeze
- put used tissues in the bin immediately and wash your hands afterwards
- clean objects and surfaces you touch often using your regular cleaning products
- wear a face covering when in shared spaces
- keep windows open in the room you're staying in and shared spaces as much as possible

Full information can be found at: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/self-isolationandtreatment/how-to-avoid-spreading-coronavirus-to-people-you-live-with/>

I know this may be unsettling, but please rest assured that the systems and processes in place at the school have worked exactly as planned, ensuring the school remains a safe place to attend.

The school will keep you updated with any further relevant information.

Yours faithfully

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Headteacher