



1st October 2020

Dear Parent/Carer

Re: Positive Test Confirmed

This morning the school received confirmation that a 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 decided to close the Year 9 bubble.

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).

The school has adhered to all the guidelines from Public Health England, Stockport Local Authority and are following the robust risk assessment that is in place. If your child is in Year 7 or Year 8 they can continue to attend school. **We are happy to share that there have been no reported cases in these year groups.**

If your child is in Year 11, 10 or 9 they will now be learning remotely via Zoom online lessons and Show My Homework where learning materials will be available. Teachers will be interacting with students and offering instruction when available. More information regarding remote learning can be found here:

<http://www.stjamesheadle.co.uk/remote-learning/>

Public Health England has recommended that whole year groups return on the same date together please disregard the return dates you were previously given and use the dates below. Return dates are as follows:

Year 11- Monday 12th October 2020

Year 10- Monday 12th October 2020

Year 9- Wednesday 14th October 2020

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-isolation-and-treatment/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



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Full information can be found at:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/self-isolation-and-treatment/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

Mr A Pontifex
Headteacher