



1<sup>st</sup> October 2020

Dear Parent/Carer

**Re: Required student isolation YEAR 9**

I am writing to inform you that a child or member of staff that 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. **Public Health England and the Local Authority have advised us to close the whole Year 9 group bubble.**

As your child may have 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 (Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> September 2020). This means that your child should **isolate at home until Monday 12<sup>th</sup> October 2020** and are able to return to school on **Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> October 2020**. No other household contacts need to isolate at this time.

**Important:** If your child was already sent home from school to self-isolate on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> September the original return date of Monday 12<sup>th</sup> October 2020 still applies.

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. Zoom lessons will be starting from tomorrow **Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2020**. 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 10J. More information can be found here: <http://www.stjamesheadle.co.uk/remote-learning/>

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 book a test.

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 diarrhea for 48 hours).



# ST JAMES'

CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

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