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Update on Confirmed Positive Case

Dear Parent or Carer,

I would like to update you on the actions taken by College following the recent confirmed positive case of one of our Sixth Formers. Following on from my letter on Sunday, I have consulted the Local Authority's COVID Response Team, and they have agreed with the actions we have taken. After having undertaken a full risk-assessment of the situation, we have contacted those Year 13 students who we believe may have come into close contact with the Year 13 student who tested positive. They are continuing their period of self-isolation, and are due back in College on Thursday 15th October. 'Close' contact is defined as:

- being coughed on
- having a face-to-face conversation within 1 metre,
- any contact within 1 metre for 1 minute or longer, without face-to-face contact
- extended close contact (between 1 and 2 metres for more than 15 minutes)

We believe that there is minimal risk of any Year 12 student having come into close contact with the Year 13 student, and their Year Group have returned to College today. We are also inviting back into College those Year 13 students who we have assessed as having minimal risk of having come into close contact.

What to do if you develop symptoms of COVID 19

If you develop symptoms of COVID-19, you should remain at home for at least 10 days from the date when your symptoms appeared, as advised in <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance>.

You can arrange for testing for via <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-getting-tested>. All other household members who remain well must stay at home and not leave the house for 14 days. 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. 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

If you are able, move any vulnerable individuals (such as the elderly and those with underlying health conditions) out of your home, to stay with friends or family for the duration of the home isolation period.



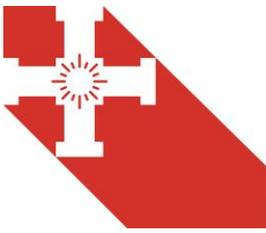
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Symptoms of COVID 19

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)

For most people, coronavirus (COVID-19) will be a mild illness. If you do 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.

How to stop COVID-19 spreading

There are things you can do to help reduce the risk of you and anyone you live with getting ill with COVID-19

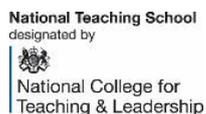
- wash your hands with soap and water often – do this for at least 20 seconds
- use hand sanitiser gel if soap and water are not available
- wash your hands as soon as you get home
- cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or your sleeve (not your hands) when you cough or sneeze
- put used tissues in the bin immediately and wash your hands afterwards

Further Information

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

God Bless

Tim Beesley
Principal



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