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TO ALL PARENTS & CARERS - Confirmed Positive Case in Year 11

Dear Parent or Carer,

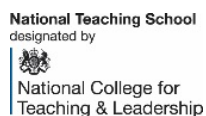
This morning we were informed about a confirmed positive case in Year 11. We spoke with the student's family to confirm the details, and shared this information with the Local Authority's Covid Response and Health Teams, who advised us that those who could be identified as possible close-contacts should self-isolate, with immediate effect. We concluded our own contact-trace investigation and identified those students who we believe have potentially been in close contact with the affected student. We sent a message to the parents and carers of those students separately. Any student who usually walks to College, and was able to get into their home safely, made their own way home. All other identified students were safely supervised until a lift home could be arranged. I would like to thank all those parents and carers who came to pick up their child at such short notice. Their support and understanding are very much appreciated.

This letter is for information only, and unless you are contacted separately by College, your child should continue to attend College as normal. Whilst we cannot share the name of the Year 11 student in this letter, we do have permission to share this information with any parent or carer who contacts us, concerned that their child may have been in close contact with her. If you are concerned, and would like to discuss this with us, please contact either Mr Mercer, Mrs Garvey or myself, before they return to College.

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.



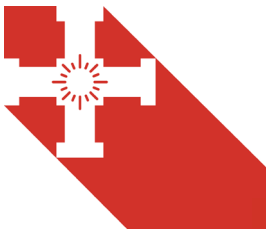
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If you are able, move any vulnerable individuals (such as the elderly and those with underlying health conditions) out of your home, to stay with friends or family for the duration of the home isolation period.

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

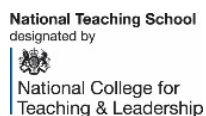
- wash your hands with soap and water often – do this for at least 20 seconds
- use hand sanitiser gel if soap and water are not available
- wash your hands as soon as you get home
- cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or your sleeve (not your hands) when you cough or sneeze
- put used tissues in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

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