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TO ALL PARENTS & CARERS - Confirmed Positive Case in Year 10 & Self-Isolation of Year 9 Bubble

Dear Parent or Carer,

Year 10

Last night we were informed about a confirmed positive case in Year 10. We spoke with the family to confirm the details, and shared this information with the Local Authority's Covid Response Team and Public Health England, who advised us that because there had been more than 48 hours between the student last attending school and her symptoms showing, **there is no reason for any of our Year 10 students to self-isolate**. The student was already self-isolating, due to a family member awaiting a test result, when her own symptoms began more than 48 hours later. I would like to thank her family for following the government's guidelines so closely and going into immediate quarantine. Their swift actions have helped avoid the disruption of other students' learning, as well as keeping our College community safe. Our thoughts and prayers are with them, and all our families who are currently affected by the coronavirus.

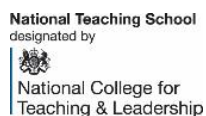
Year 9

This afternoon we received advice from Public Health England that the whole of the Year 9 Bubble should self-isolate, with immediate effect, until further notice. We contacted Year 9 parents and carers, to inform them that we would be sending home any student who usually walks to College, if they could get into their home safely. All other students in the Year group would be safely supervised until a lift home could be arranged. I have written to Year 9 parents and carers separately, but 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.

In the days ahead, with the support of the Local Authority and PHE, we may be able to start asking some Year 9 students back into 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>.



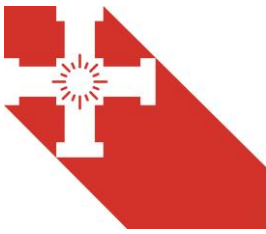
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You can arrange for testing for via <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-getting-tested>. **All other household members who remain well must stay at home and not leave the house for 14 days.** The 14-day period starts from the day when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

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

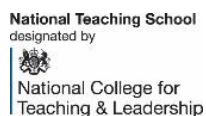
- wash your hands with soap and water often – do this for at least 20 seconds
- use hand sanitiser gel if soap and water are not available
- wash your hands as soon as you get home
- cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or your sleeve (not your hands) when you cough or sneeze
- put used tissues in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