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Dear parents and carers,

I am writing to inform you that we have received confirmation that members of our Year 11 community have tested positive for COVID-19 and your child has been identified as a close contact of the person concerned. Following government and local authority guidance the individual concerned and their family has already started household isolation.

In line with government direction, your child and other students in Year 11 will now need to self-isolate for 14 days from when they last had contact with the person affected. The last time the infected person was in school was Friday 13 November 2020.

- ✓ The **14-day self-isolation** period will start and include Sunday 15 November 2020 and will finish at midnight on Friday 27 November
- ✓ Year 11 students should return to school on Monday 30 November
- ✓ Year 11 students will need to access lessons via *Google Classrooms* from Monday 16 November 2020

If your child is well at the end of the 14 days' period of self-isolation, then they can return to usual activities. Other members of your household can continue normal activities, provided no other household member develops symptoms within the 14-day self-isolation period.

Siblings in other year groups or at other schools can still attend school unless they show symptoms or unless someone in your household tests positive.

Self -isolation means your child:

- must not leave your home.
- may not go to school, go out and meet friends or go to public places.
- cannot go on public transport or use taxis.
- cannot go to the shops.
- cannot have family, friends or any visitors round to your home.
- can get exercise at home or in your garden but cannot meet with neighbours over the fence.

Should your child start to get symptoms of COVID-19 please arrange to get them tested.

The main symptoms of COVID-19 include:

- a **high temperature** - this means they may feel hot to touch on their chest or back (you do not need to take their temperature with a thermometer)
- a **new, continuous cough** - this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if they usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)

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- **a loss or change to their sense of smell or taste** - this means they may tell you that they cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different.

To book a free COVID-19 test, visit the NHS website or phone the NHS on 119:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/testing-and-tracing/get-a-test-to-check-if-you-have-coronavirus/>

You can get a test at a testing site, or by asking for a home testing kit.

I can assure you that our school is very careful to make sure everyone follows government and local authority guidance for cleaning and social distancing.

In the event of your child or a member of your household developing symptoms or testing positive please inform the school immediately.

Our school is still open to all other children unless previously notified of the need to self-isolate.

Information about coronavirus (COVID-19) is available on the government website:
<https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>

The health, safety and wellbeing of our children and staff is extremely important to us and we thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "S Bone".

Mrs S Bone

Headteacher