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Dear Parents/Carers

I am writing to inform you that we have received confirmation that a member of our Year **8** school community has tested positive for COVID-19 and following our investigations, 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 **8** will now need to self-isolate for **10 days** from when they last had contact with the person affected. The last time the person was in school was **Thursday 15 July 2021**.

- ✓ The **10-day self-isolation** period will start and include **Thursday 15 July 2021** and will finish at midnight on **Sunday 25 July 2021**
- ✓ Year **8** students should return to school as Year **9** students on **Wednesday 8 September 2021**
- ✓ Year **8** students will need to access lessons as detailed in the whole school letter dated 16 July 2021 from Monday 19 July 2021

If your child is well at the end of the 10 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 10-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. 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/

If you would like to order a Lateral Flow Home Testing Kit please go to:

https://www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests

A reminder, 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)
- **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.

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

Mrs S Bone
Headteacher