



21st October 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have been made aware that one of our Year 8 students has tested positive for Coronavirus. Having spoken to Public Health England and sought advice regarding this, we are confident that we have effectively put measures in place to reduce any further risk. Public Health England were supportive of the measures we had in place around school and the further measures we have taken in response to this positive case.

The student who tested positive will not return until after their isolation period. We have contacted the Parents/ Carers of Year 8 Students who were in close contact with the student who tested positive. This includes any Student that was in close contact in lessons or had close contact during social time. Parents of these Students will be keeping their children at home to self-isolate now for two weeks.

Any room/ space where either Students have been present has been cleaned thoroughly. This includes classrooms along with the hall, canteen, toilets and computer rooms. These have all had an enhanced clean this evening before Students return to school tomorrow morning. Please be assured that all preventative measures possible have been taken to ensure these cases are contained and measures will continue to remain in place in school.

Pupils have been very responsible in following control measures around the school since the start of term. We will be reassuring pupils during assemblies throughout the course of the day tomorrow, explaining the actions which have been taken. This evening will be a good opportunity to remind your son/ daughter of the important ways in which they can continue to stop any spread of the virus. We would be very grateful if you would remind them of the important points below:

- Students must ensure they sanitise hands regularly as they enter and leave classrooms and particularly before and after break and lunch.
- Students must maintain a distance of at least 1m+ wherever they can and where this is not possible, they must closely follow the instructions of their teachers.
- Students must follow the one-way system.
- Students must face the front in lessons.
- Students must wear a face covering when in communal areas and at Social times

You can revisit any of the measures by watching the SPH Safe videos on the school's website, Facebook or Twitter. Please also remember that if anyone in your family shows any symptoms, you should all remain at home and call 119 to book a test. The symptoms are as follows:

- New, continuous cough.
- High temperature.
- Loss of, or change in their normal sense of taste or smell.

Any pupil who tests positive should remain at home for 10 days and the school should be notified of the positive test immediately. You can do this by emailing covid-19@sph.academy. We will notify you of any further updates moving forward should we need to. As always, we thank you for your continued support and understanding.

Kind regards,

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