



19 November 2020

Dear Year 11 Parents & Carers

Advice for child to self-isolate

We have been advised by Public Health England that there has been a confirmed case of COVID-19 within a select group of our Year 11 bubble. Please see below, the direct communication and advice from Public Health England.

Isolation advice

We have followed the national guidance and have identified that your child in Year 11 has been in close contact with the affected person. In line with the national guidance, we recommend that your child now stay at home and self-isolate until they return to the Academy on **30th November 2020**, providing they are symptom-free.

We are asking you to do this to reduce the further spread of COVID 19 to others in the community.

If your child is well at the end of the period of self-isolation, then they can return to usual activities.

Other members of your household can continue normal activities provided your child does not develop symptoms within the self-isolation period.

Please see the link to the PHE Staying at Home Guidance

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-for-contacts-of-people-with-possible-or-confirmed-coronavirus-covid-19-infection-who-do-not-live-with-the-person>

What to do if your child develops symptoms of COVID 19

If your child develops symptoms of COVID-19, they should remain at home for at least 10 days from the date their symptoms appeared. Anyone with symptoms will be eligible for testing and this can be arranged via <https://www.nhs.uk/ask-for-a-coronavirus-test> or by calling 119.

People who do not have symptoms should not request a test unless this has been specifically requested by Public Health England or the local authority. All other household members who remain well must stay at home and not leave the house for 14 days. This includes anyone in your 'Support Bubble'.

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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. If you require help with buying groceries, other shopping or picking up medication, or walking a dog, you should ask friends or family. Alternatively, you can order your shopping online and medication by phone or online.

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 to, 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.

Please see the link to the PHE 'Stay at Home' Guidance:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-households-with-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection>

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 your child does develop symptoms, you can seek advice from the nhs.uk website at <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/check-if-you-have-coronavirus-symptoms/>. If you are concerned about your child's symptoms, or they are worsening you can seek advice from NHS 111 at <https://111.nhs.uk/> 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

Do:

- 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 Flu vaccination

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Further information

Further information is available at

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

As you know, the health, safety and wellbeing of all of our young people is our top priority. We have extensive safety measures in place to mitigate against the risk of transmission. This situation serves as a reminder that we all need to remain vigilant, both in school and in the community, and follow the latest Government guidance.

If you have any questions or queries, please send these via MCAS. If you do not have access to the MCAS app, and you have a question you can email admin@oasislisterpark.org You can call the Academy, but please be aware our phone lines may be busy.

Please rest assured that we will keep you updated on the current situation via text, your child's email address or the latest news section on the website.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Siân Dover'.

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