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Dear Parents and Carers

It is with a heavy heart that I am writing to inform you that a Year 7 student has tested positive for coronavirus. The student was asked to take a voluntary COVID test on the 6th of October as part of a research program and not because they were displaying symptoms. They were last in school on Friday 9th October. In line with advice from Public Health England, we now have to ask Year 7 to isolate until Friday 23rd October (14 days from possible contact.) School will be open as usual for Y8-11.

Whilst I understand that you may have concerns with regards to the above, I can assure you that the school have continued with face covering, social distancing measures where possible and cleaning and hygiene arrangements have remained in place throughout each day.

For data protection reasons and out of respect we are not able to give you details of the member of our community who has tested positive, but we realise that you may be concerned that your child may have come across them during the school day or when travelling. We have worked with the Health Protection team to ensure that all the students who have had 'contact' with the infected person have been asked to isolate. If this applies to your child, you will have been notified by the NHS Track and Trace service via text message, email or phone that your child is a contact.

Please remember that the threat of coronavirus is still real so if you or your child begin to show the coronavirus symptoms you must follow the national guidance [COVID-19: guidance for households with possible coronavirus infection guidance](#)

For most people, coronavirus (COVID-19) will be a mild illness. However, if you develop symptoms you must self-isolate at home and arrange to have a test to see if you have COVID-19 – visit [NHS.UK](https://www.nhs.uk) to arrange or contact NHS 119 via telephone if you do not have internet access. **Please inform the school of any positive results.**

Isolating is an act of selflessness. I know from personal experience that this can be a frustrating and anxious time. Please remember the families who are affected in your prayers.

Please contact your head of year if you have any concerns.

Thank you for your ongoing support in this very challenging time.

Yours Sincerely

Mr T McCabe (Headteacher)

