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Dear Parents/Carers

You will be aware that, across the last few days, we have seen an increase in the number of Covid 19 positive cases reported in our Academy Community. Following West Midlands Public Health and Local Authority Public Health Team guidance at every stage, close contact groups have been identified and are now all self-isolating, as required.

In addition to rigorously following all actions and guidance from Public Health, we are now also implementing additional mitigation to support the health and safety of our community and to support us in ensuring the highest possible infection and transmission control.

I am therefore writing to inform you that, **all students in Year 7 will move to remote learning for the remainder of this term. Students in this year group will need to remain at home and engage in learning remotely. They will find the resources for their normal timetabled lesson on their planner page of Firefly.**

Please see the arrangements as detailed below, relating to all year groups.

Blended learning programme.

Year Group	Friday 11 th December until the end of term	Additional information
Year 7	Remain at home – remote learning full timetable. <i>Self-isolation restrictions <u>do not apply unless the student is already in a category identified in the additional information box.</u></i> Students are expected to undertake all usual academy timetabled lessons, remotely.	Self-isolation criteria does apply to any students under self-isolation instructions as directed by: 1. The Academy 2. NHS Track and Trace.
Year 8	Attend school as normal	Self-isolation criteria does apply to any students under self-isolation instructions as directed by:
Year 9	Attend school as normal	
Year 10	Attend school as normal	



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Year 11	Remain at home – remote learning full timetable. Self- isolation restrictions apply, as outlined on the previous information provided to year 11 parents.	

Whilst we remain fully committed to keeping our Academy fully open to all year groups, to ensure we can do so effectively and safely, we operate an ongoing review, consideration and monitoring of suspected and confirmed cases in year groups related to this.

We will continue to provide as much notice as is possible with regard to face to face and remote learning provision, as may be required. Thank you for your continued understanding and appreciation of the fact that we need to act swiftly in response to identified need, in order to most effectively safeguard the health, safety and well-being of all our students, staff and community.

For students who are also in receipt of free school meals provision, arrangements are in place to support this, if they are in year groups engaging in the remote learning programme. Our finance department will be in touch shortly with the details of this arrangement.

Please also see below for the key guidance related to suspected cases.

Yours sincerely



Mike Whittingham
Headteacher

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 when 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.

All other household members who remain well must stay at home and not leave the house for 14 days.

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.

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 can, 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

Symptoms

The most common symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) are recent onset of:

- new continuous cough and/or
- high temperature
- 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 or anyone in the household does develop symptoms, you can seek advice from NHS 111 at <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/check-if-you-have-coronavirus-symptoms/> 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

Further Information

Further information is available at <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

