



**Mr Juan Delgado [Principal]**

6th October 2020

Dear Parents and Carers of students in Years 7, 8 and 9

As you know, with our return to full opening since September we have put extensive measures in place to ensure that our students and staff are as safe as possible. However, I must advise you that we have been notified of a confirmed case of COVID-19 within the academy.

This is obviously concerning, but perhaps not surprising given the rise in infection rates and the increase in reported and suspected cases in schools and colleges locally and nationally.

This is an isolated individual case so please do not be alarmed. Nevertheless, it is a reminder that we all need to remain vigilant, both in school and in the wider community.

We are continuing to monitor the situation, working closely with Public Health England and are following their instructions in order to keep everyone safe. Some students in Year 11 have been sent home to self isolate as a precautionary measure but I can report that all are well.

We have been advised that it is safe for the Academy to remain open to students and I confirm that the academy is operating as normal for all other students in years 7, 8, 9 and 12. It is vital that, wherever possible, students continue to attend the academy as normal everyday to continue their learning.

The only reason we have also asked Year 10 students to remain at home is due to staffing restrictions that impact on the timetable. Once we are back to normal staffing levels this year group will return to the academy.

### **What to do if your child develops symptoms of COVID 19**

If your child develops symptoms of COVID-19, you must organise for your child to be tested via the NHS online portal or by calling 119. Your household must isolate until you receive the test results giving the all clear.

### **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.

### **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:

- wash your hands with soap and water or sanitiser often – do this for at least 20 seconds;
- 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

If you have any questions or queries about anything raised in this letter please call our switchboard or email and we will do our best to respond to you as swiftly as possible.

Yours sincerely

Juan Delgado  
Principal

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