



3 November 2020

Dear Families

I am writing to let you know that following advice from the Department for Education and Public Health England (PHE) we have closed our Year 12 (including some Year 13 students) bubble after a student has been positively tested for COVID-19. Students in that bubble are now self-isolating and will be able to return to school on **17 November 2020**.

I am writing to reassure you that in line with PHE Guidance, at present there is no need for us to advise anyone else at the academy to stay at home. I spent a great deal of time talking to consultants from the DfE about our systems and procedures and the secure measures we have in place to reduce the risk of transmission. As a result all other bubbles will remain open and students and staff will attend as usual. The very reason for operating bubbles is to manage situations such as this and to maintain the health and safety of the academy community.

In the meantime, the academy is reinforcing the recommended advice to reduce the spread of COVID-19 infection. This includes encouraging students to wash their hands, more frequent cleaning, and following the Government's guidance for social distancing in schools.

Please continue to be vigilant for any symptoms, as is recommended for all members of the public. If your child or another person in your household develops COVID-19 symptoms, your child should not come into school and they should get tested as soon as possible. In this event you should notify us immediately.

Yours sincerely

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