



19 December 2020

Dear Families,

Notification of a Positive COVID-19 Test Result in Year 8

Following my previous letter of 16 December, I am writing to inform you of a positive COVID-19 test result in Year 8.

Having assessed which students may have been in contact with the student concerned we believe that your son may have been in contact with him within the 48 hour period of becoming symptomatic.

As per Government guidelines it will be necessary for your son to self-isolate for 10 days with effect from now (Monday 14 December) until 23.59 Wednesday 23 December. There is no need for other family members / members of your support bubble to self-isolate unless your son becomes symptomatic.

Testing for individuals with no COVID-19 symptoms

We also remind families about the testing that's available for 11-18 year old's and their families. Individuals who are asymptomatic (**i.e. are not experiencing symptoms of COVID-19**) are being urged to get tested. Latest figures from the Office of National Statistics (ONS) showed almost 1 in 3 people in England show no symptoms of having the virus but are still able to pass it on. The roll out of this testing will help identify asymptomatic cases, driving down infection rates and helping break chains of transmission.

Please find attached Q&A document providing information about how to access testing and further helpful information.

Please note that whilst we strongly encourage all students and their families to get tested, testing is not mandatory and individuals do not need to self-isolate unless they receive a positive test result or they develop symptoms.

It's unfortunate that we've had to share this information with you before Christmas and we hope you can continue to have a safe, happy and relaxing break.

Thank you for your continued support in keeping our community safe.

Yours sincerely,

Daniel Hatley
Executive Principal