

Email to all years 24.09.2021

Advice to All Parents - warn and inform

Dear Parents,

We have been advised by Public Health England to contact parents due to a small cluster of COVID-19 cases within the school, specifically within Year 9 West Wing and Year 10 West Wing. There are also isolated cases in Years 7, 8 and 11.

We know that you may find this concerning, but we are continuing to monitor the situation and are working closely with both Public Health England and the local Health Protection Team who will advise if any additional measures need to be taken which are not presently in place.

The school remains open and your child should continue to attend as normal if they remain well. Public Health England strongly encourage all students to continue with twice weekly LFD testing to help identify cases promptly and to ensure that the school remains open and safe for all students. If you require additional kits, these can be collected from Mrs Sharp at her office off the 1911 Hall.

As a reminder to guidance sent previously, if your child develops symptoms of COVID-19, **they should get a PCR test and remain at home until the result is known**. If negative, they can end self-isolation and return to school; if positive, the child should isolate until at least 10 days after their symptoms appeared. Symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) are a new, continuous cough, or a high temperature, or a loss of, or change in, their normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia). We may contact parents where a student is observed to have any of these symptoms.

Anyone with symptoms will be eligible for a PCR and this can be arranged via the following [link](#) or by calling 119.

If you or your child develop [symptoms](#) at any time, even if these are mild, self-isolate immediately, [arrange to have a COVID-19 PCR test](#) and follow the [guidance for people with COVID-19 symptoms](#).

For most people, COVID-19 will be a mild illness.

Yours sincerely,

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