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8th July 2021

Dear Parent/Guardian

Advice for a Child to Self-Isolate: Selected Year 7 and Selected Year 9

We have been advised by Public Health England that there have been two confirmed cases of Covid-19 within our school setting, following LFD tests yesterday.

We have followed Public Health England guidance and have identified that your child may have been in close contact with the affected student(s) on **Tuesday 6th July and/or Wednesday 7th July 2021**. The children were identified as positive following routine LFD testing on Wednesday 7th July and they have PCR tests scheduled for today. **We will write to you again when we have this result.** Should the result of this subsequent PCR test come back as negative, the students and staff affected will be able to return to school. In the meantime, your child should self-isolate. We are asking you to do this to reduce the potential spread of Covid-19 to others in the community. Even if your child tests negative for Covid-19 over the next few days, they must remain in self-isolation until we provide further information.

Please see the link below to the Public Health England Staying at Home Guidance:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-households-with-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection>

Other members of your household can continue normal activities and **do not** need to self-isolate, unless your child, or anyone in your household, becomes symptomatic. If this happens, you should request a Covid-19 test: <https://www.nhs.uk/ask-for-a-coronavirus-test>.

Please be assured that your child's safety remains our primary concern and that our remote learning plans are designed to limit any disruption to your child's education as much as possible, under the difficult circumstances. Your child should continue to follow their usual school timetable and access work, in either Edulink or Google Classroom, or via the school website. Should you have any difficulties with this, in terms of accessing the information, or a lack of ICT facilities, please contact the school, using parentcontact@sandysecondarieschool.com, and we will assist.

What to do if your Child Develops Symptoms of Covid-19

If your child develops symptoms of Covid-19, they are eligible for testing and this can be arranged via <https://www.nhs.uk/ask-for-a-coronavirus-test>, or by calling 119.

Whilst awaiting a test result, other household members must stay at home and not leave the house for up to **10 days**. <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-households-with-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection>

The 10-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 10 days will greatly reduce the overall number of infection the household could pass on to others in the community. If you are able to do so, 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).

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.

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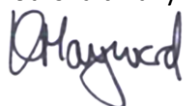
- Wash your hands with soap and water often – do this for at least 20 seconds
- Use hand sanitiser gel if soap and water are not available
- Wash your hands as soon as you get home
- Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or your sleeve (not your hands) when you cough or sneeze – use the inside of your elbow
- Put used tissues in the bin immediately and wash your hands afterwards

Further information

Further information is available at:

<https://www.nhs.co.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

Yours faithfully



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