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FOR PARENTS/CARERS OF CLOSE CONTACTS OF COVID-19 AT THE KING'S SCHOOL

Advice for Child to Self-Isolate

Dear Parent/Carer,

It has been brought to our attention today, Saturday, 19 September 2020 that there has been a confirmed case of COVID-19 within the school.

We have followed the national guidance and have identified that your child could have been in close contact with the affected child. Due to the operation of year group 'bubbles', all Year 8 students will self-isolate from Monday, 21 September. The confirmed case has already self-isolated since Monday, 14 September whilst awaiting the outcome of a COVID-19 test. **This means that in line with the national guidance we recommend that your child now stay at home and self-isolate until Monday, 28 September 2020 (14 days after contact).**

We are asking you to do this to reduce the further spread of COVID 19 to others in the community.

If your child is well at the end of the 14 days period (after contact) of self-isolation, then they can return to usual activities.

Other members of your household can continue normal activities provided your child does not develop symptoms within the 14 day self-isolation period. This includes any siblings that may attend The King's School in a different year group.

Please see the link to: Guidance for contacts of people with confirmed coronavirus (COVID-19) infection who do not live with the person

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-for-contacts-of-people-with-possible-or-confirmed-coronavirus-covid-19-infection-who-do-not-live-with-the-person>

Live Online Learning

As we communicated prior to schools reopening, we have a thorough contingency in place to ensure we can continue education for any students in this situation. All students in Year 8 will be able to, and will be expected to, as far as possible to follow their normal timetable next week. Lessons will be delivered by the teachers they would usually have and key details and information is provided below:

- All live, online lessons will run at the usual timetabled time, apart from Core PE. Tutor Group sessions will also run from 9am daily and it is expected that students are present and logged on from this time.

- At the start of the new, academic year teachers provided students with the new code for each subject's Google Classroom. Teachers will be re-sharing these class codes on Show My Homework to ensure that all students are able to join the correct classes.
- Once students have joined the online classroom for each of their lessons, they will be able to access their live, online lesson at the normal, timetabled time. Students should do this by clicking on the "Meet" link, which can be found in the header on each individual classroom page. Please note, the "Meet" link will only be available when the lesson is due to start, so students should wait for this to appear at the allotted time. Core PE will not be running live, online lessons but will be putting additional tasks on Show My Homework for students to attempt.
- All Year 8 live, online lessons will last for approximately thirty minutes. Teachers will introduce a task which students should complete independently in the second half of the lesson. Individual class teachers will explain to students how and when this task should be submitted. The lesson PowerPoint and resources will be placed on the Google Classroom when the lesson has finished.
- Students have been encouraged to write their online log-ins on page 26 of their planner. Additional support on how to log on to Google Classroom can be found on the Home Learning tab of the website, including a "How to" guide for online lessons.

What to do if your child develops symptoms of COVID-19

If your child develops symptoms of COVID-19, they should remain at home for at least 10 days from the date when their symptoms appeared. Anyone with symptoms will be eligible for testing and this can be arranged via <https://www.nhs.uk/ask-for-a-coronavirus-test> or by calling 119.

All other household members who remain well must stay at home and not leave the house for 14 days. This includes anyone in your 'Support Bubble'.

The 14-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. If you require help with buying groceries, other shopping or picking up medication, or walking a dog, you should ask friends or family. Alternatively, you can order your shopping online and medication by phone or online.

Household members staying at home for 14 days will greatly reduce the overall amount of infection the household could pass on to others in the community

If you are able, 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

Please see the link to the PHE 'Stay 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>

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.

If your child does develop symptoms, you can seek advice from NHS 111 at <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/check-if-you-have-coronavirus-symptoms/> or by phoning 111.

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

Do

- 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
- put used tissues in the bin immediately and wash your hands afterwards

Further Information

Further information is available at <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

Yours sincerely,



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