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Dear Parent,

Due to confirmation of further confirmed cases of COVID-19 within the Academy and the implications this had had on staffing, unfortunately we have had to take the decision to ask Year 9 and Year 10 students to work from home until the end of this half term.

Students in Years 9 and 10 are **not required** to self-isolate unless they are contacted individually by the Academy or Track and Trace.

Remote Learning - The Government have made remote learning a legal requirement. Whilst your child is at home they are expected to join online lessons and complete work set online. Help and support can be found for this on the 'Home Study' page of our Academy website. In line with government legislation, attendance to online lessons and submission of home study will be monitored. If your child is unable to use a computer, tablet or mobile phone to access online lessons and work or they do not have access to the internet, you **must** notify the school office so that a work pack can be provided.

If your child has access to a computer, tablet or mobile phone and the internet, they should follow their school timetable and access online lessons on Office 365: Teams. Students have had training on this and the 'How to...' guide on how to do this is available on the Home Study page of the Academy website.

To summarise, your child is expected to continue their learning at home.

Online

- Live lessons (following timetable) via class Teams.
- Online submission of work (Teams – Assignments)

Work Pack

- Paper pack to be delivered
- Work to be submitted upon re-entry into the Academy.

*If class teachers are absent and are unable to deliver live online lessons, work will be set on Teams for students to complete independently instead. Classes should receive an email notification to inform them of this.

What to do if your child develops symptoms of COVID 19

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

The most common symptoms of 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)

If your child develops any of these symptoms of COVID-19, they should remain at home and arrangements should be made for them to be tested. At that time all other household members must also stay at home, not go to work, school or public areas, even for exercise.

Testing can be arranged by calling 119 or via the NHS website: nhs.uk/coronavirus

When the result of the child's test is known further advice will be available.

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:

- 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 nhs.uk/coronavirus

Yours sincerely

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