

22nd September 2020

Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope you and your family are keeping well.

I am writing to update you on some additional precautionary actions that are being undertaken following a member of Ormiston Park Academy testing positive for COVID-19 over the weekend. Having sought advice from Public Health England today (Sunday), a number of students who have been identified as potential contacts, have been contacted and are now going to be learning remotely from home self-isolating as a precaution to limit any transmission of the virus.

In the meantime, **the school is safe to remain open to all students and teachers who have not been identified as potential contacts and all students other than those we have communicated with already should continue to attend.** By having robust processes in place we have been able to act immediately to identify those who need to self-isolate, and to keep that number as small as possible.

For your awareness, the **Year 11 students identified will be accessing learning remotely and will be self-isolating for a period of time defined by Public Health England.** If a student that has been asked to self-isolate as a precaution develops symptoms themselves, they will need to get tested and if the test delivers a negative result, they must remain in isolation for the remainder of the 10-day isolation period. If the result is positive, they are asked to inform the school immediately and isolate for at least 10 days from the onset of their symptoms, and their household should self-isolate for at least 14 days from when the symptomatic person first had symptoms. Household members of those individuals who are self-isolating do not need to self-isolate themselves unless the child, young person or staff member who is self-isolating subsequently develops symptoms.

Those **students self-isolating will be accessing remote learning from home** to limit any disruption to their education and we have ensured they have access to quality education resources that are linked to the curriculum expectations.

We are continuing to work closely with our local health protection team to ensure that we are taking all the necessary precautions, and will be continuing to operate the many other robust safety measures we have in place including; social distancing, bubbles, increased hygiene and enhanced cleaning protocols to help limit any spread of the virus.

We would ask you to inform us as soon as possible if your child is contacted via track and trace, or should your child be experiencing any symptoms relating to COVID-19.

I want to take this opportunity to reassure you that, as always, the safety and wellbeing of our students and staff is our number one priority and we will continue to adhere to all Government and local guidance to safeguard our school community.

In the meantime, if you have any questions or queries that you would like to discuss further, please do not hesitate to get in touch Mr Rashid (Senior Vice Principal) or Miss Kelly (Vice Principal) who are here to help.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a large, stylized 'M' followed by a series of loops and a final flourish.

Mark Roessler

Principal