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Dear Parents/Carers

Re: Year 10

As you are aware, we have had a confirmed case of Covid-19 in the Year 10 bubble. Since sending students home earlier today, we have been conducting our track and trace procedure to attempt to identify close contacts of the positive case. However, following a risk assessment with Public Health this evening, I am sorry to have to tell you that their advice is to ask all Year 10 to self-isolate for 14 days. The date for returning to school will be **Tuesday 17th November 2020**. No other household contacts need to isolate at this time.

The individual was symptomatic in school with cold-like symptoms on Monday, such as a cough and runny nose and, as a result, got tested. This test has shown a positive result. Runny noses and coughs create large droplets, which are transferred to surfaces and then easily passed on to others. This needs to be considered when we looked at students likely to be exposed to surface transmission. Therefore, in addition to the risk of transmission to those who have had close contact with the positive case, Public Health has also identified a high risk of transmission via surface contact. Through our discussion with Public Health we have been advised to ask the whole bubble to self-isolate for 14 days. During the period of self-isolate the Year 10 area will be deep cleaned.

Please look out for symptoms of COVID-19 in your child whilst they are isolating (a temperature of 37.8°C or above, a new persistent cough or loss of, or change to, sense of taste or smell). If they develop any of these symptoms please inform the school and keep your child home.

If your child does develop symptoms: If your child (or any other household members) develop symptoms, follow the 'Stay at home guidance' which can be found here: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance>

This link also provides information if you have a household where children and grandparents live together. In addition, there is an easy read version of the guidance available via the web link above.

Please arrange for them to get tested as soon as possible. Tests can be booked on the NHS testing and tracing for coronavirus website using the link here: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-getting-tested> or a test can be arranged by telephoning NHS 119. Children aged 11 and under will need to be helped by their parents/carers if using a home testing kit.

Please contact the school with any test results once you know them in order to agree a provisional date for your child and any siblings to return to school. If your child tests positive for COVID-19, they should start a 10 day isolation period (regardless of any days already spent isolating due to being a close contact).

If they test negative, continue with the agreed 14 day isolation period. At the end of the 14 day isolation period, your child can return to school (as long as they have not had a temperature, vomiting or diarrhoea for 48 hours).

Support during isolation: If you feel your family may experience problems as a result of having to isolate (for example difficulty obtaining food or financial hardship), please use the following link to access information about Cumbria County Council's Ways to Welfare service: <https://www.cumbria.gov.uk/welfare/default.asp>



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If you are entitled to Free school meals please contact us about possible collection of a packed lunch from school on the days of isolation during term time.

Please do not hesitate to contact school if you have any questions.

Yours sincerely

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