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To All Parents

Dear Parents / carer,

We have been made aware of a small number of our school community who have tested positive for COVID 19. The cases are within our Year 7 Bubble, who have all been asked to self-isolate until and including Saturday 24th July 2021.

We know that you may find this concerning, but we are continuing to monitor the situation and are working closely with Public Health England. This letter is to inform you of the current situation and provide advice on how to support your child.

The students in the Year 7 bubble have received a letter informing them that they must stay at home and self-isolate.

With cases of Covid-19 across 3 year groups now and following consultation with the DfE, Shropshire Public Health and the Local Authority, with regret <u>I am closing the school to all students at the end of the day today</u> (<u>15th July 2021</u>). I understand that this may cause difficulty for families of Year 8 students who will spend their last day of term on remote learning activities (along with other year groups now isolating), but it is a decision taken given the very recent outbreak across other years and how readily the virus seems to be spreading. School will remain open for staff tomorrow and staff can be contacted as normal.

We have set up an e-mail for families to use should there be any key questions or confirmed cases of children who attend the school (covid.support@csschool.co.uk). Please leave your contact details and the name of your child within any communication.

What to do if your child develops symptoms of COVID 19

If your child develops symptoms of COVID-19, they must not come to school and should remain at home for at least **10 days** from the date when their symptoms appeared. Anyone with symptoms will be eligible for a PCR test (the normally available test type) and this can be arranged via <u>https://www.nhs.uk/ask-for-a-coronavirus-test</u> or by calling 119.

All other household members who remain well, must stay at home and not leave the house for 10 days. This includes anyone in your 'Support Bubble'.

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

The household isolation period includes the day the first person in your household's symptoms started (or the day their test was taken if they did not have symptoms) and the next 10 full days. This means that if, for example, your 10 day isolation period starts on the 15th of the month, your isolation period ends at 23:59 hrs on the 25th and you can return to your normal routine.

Household members should not go to work, school or public areas and exercise should be taken within the home.

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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 10 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.

Symptoms

The most common symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) are recent onset of:

- a new continuous cough
- a high temperature
- a loss of, or change in, your normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia)

For most people, coronavirus (COVID-19) will be a mild illness.

lf your child does develop symptoms, you can seek advice from the nhs.uk website at https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/check-if-you-have-coronavirus-symptoms/. If you are concerned about your child's symptoms, or they are worsening you can seek advice from NHS 111 at https://111.nhs.uk/ or by phoning 111.

Further Information

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

As you will be aware, as a school we have strictly followed the guidance provided by government and have robust control measures in school to ensure as safe an environment in school as possible. We would ask all families to follow national guidance to ensure that we all play our part in keeping our community safe.

As always, thank you for your support. We will forward any further updates as we receive any further information, ensuring that all children are fully supported in school.

Yours sincerely,

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