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Letter to Year 11 Parents/Carers re: Online Learning and Letter from PHE

Dear Parents,

Further to our email asking Yr 11 to isolate this morning please find below some information about their learning and there is also a letter from Public Health England.

Online learning

All staff will be uploading work on to Google Classroom during the isolation period. Staff will aim to upload work on days when they would normally teach your child to ensure that the workload does not become overwhelming. Work is likely to include a mixture of new teaching to ensure that we continue to make progress through the curriculum, as well as revision activities ahead of the mocks.

All staff will be monitoring Google Classroom on a daily basis so please encourage your child to make contact with staff should they need additional support. If you have any difficulties in accessing Google classroom please contact Ms Adams.

Live lessons

We will be putting together a timetable of live lessons to be delivered over the next two weeks in core subjects. Our experiences in rolling out these lessons have enabled us to develop a way to conduct them safely, so please be reassured that your child will only be engaging with their peers and their subject teacher. Further information on specific timings will be shared with your child via Google Class room.

Mock exams

We are hopeful that year 11 will take their mock exams on their return in the 2 weeks from Monday 7th December. This is clearly subject to the ongoing situation and further information will again be provided to the students on this via Google Classroom

Please get in touch with the school if you have any queries.

It is important that you read the important information in the letter below. If your child develops symptoms, they should take a test and if they do, you should let us know immediately if it is positive, even if they are not in school.

Kind regards,
Mrs Thompson
Deputy Headteacher



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Dear Parents and Guardians,

Last week I wrote to you to let you know that we had been advised of 2 new confirmed cases of Covid in Yr 8 and Yr 12. We sent home one year 8 class on the advice of Public Health Lambeth.

Today I need to inform you that over the weekend we were informed of a new case in Yr 11 and we asked 18 pupils to isolate following that as they had been in close contact with the pupil. This morning we have been informed of 2 further new confirmed cases in Yr 11.

For this reason, this morning we told the whole of Yr 11 to isolate until Monday 7th December. We are continuing to monitor the situation and are following government guidance. This letter is to inform you of the current situation and provide advice on how to support your child. Please be reassured that for most people, coronavirus (COVID-19) will be a mild illness.

The school remains open and providing your child remains well they can continue to attend school as normal. We will keep this under review.

Below follows advice from Public Health England.

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.

All other household members who remain well must stay at home and not leave the house for 14 days.

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.

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.

Symptoms

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

- new continuous cough and/or
- high temperature
- 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 or anyone in the household does develop symptoms, you can seek advice from NHS 111 at: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/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.

Hands

- Wash your hands regularly and for at least 20 seconds.



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Face

- Cover your face in enclosed spaces, especially where social distancing may be difficult and where you will come into contact with people you do not normally meet.
- It is now compulsory to wear cloth face coverings on public transport, shops and several other indoor settings.

Space

- Stay 2 metres apart where possible, or 1 metre with extra precautions in place.
- Keep your distance from people who are outside your household or support bubble.
- Limit social gatherings (including abiding by the 'rule of 6') and avoid crowded places.

Further Information

Further information is available at <https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus/education-and-childcare>

Yours faithfully,
Mrs L Thompson
Deputy Headteacher