

21 September 2020

Year 8 Parent Update – Advice to self-isolate for 14 days

Dear Parents/Carers

We have been advised by Public Health England that there has been a confirmed case of Covid 19 within school.

The Year 8 student is now self-isolating with family for a 14 day period. We have followed national guidance and have identified that your child, as part of the Year 8 bubble in school, may have had close contact with the affected child. We recommend that your child now stays at home from 21st September and return to school on the 5th October, providing they are not demonstrating any symptoms.

During this period of self-isolation, all Year 8 students access their lessons via MS TEAMS. These lessons will be 'live' at in line with their normal timetable

We are asking you do this to further reduce the spread of Covid 19 to others within the community. Other members of your household can continue normal activities, providing your child does not develop any symptoms within the isolation period. In this case the family will need to self -isolate for a further 14 days from the point at which symptoms were displayed.

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 when the symptoms first appeared. Anyone with symptoms will be eligible for testing and this can be arranged via <https://www.nhs.uk/ask-for-a-coronavirus-test> or by calling 119

All other householders must remain at home and not leave the house for 14 days, this includes anyone in your support bubble. The 14 day period starts from when the first person became symptomatic.

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

The guidance we are following from Public Health England and the Department for Education highlights the following symptoms:

“We ask that schools recommend to their pupils and staff who feel unwell, that they get tested if:

- They develop one or more of the main coronavirus symptoms: **a high temperature; a new, continuous cough, or the loss or change of their sense of taste or smell**; or
- They are recommended to get tested by a healthcare provider (e.g. GP or nurse).”

If your child is sent home for a test, we will require a copy, either of the text or email, confirming the outcome of the test. This can be sent to our school via email (covid19@moseleypark.org)



If your child tests positive, we will need to gather the following information:

When were they tested?

When did you receive your results?

When did the symptoms start?

Apart from in lessons (we will track that through our seating plans), who have they had close contact with (see definition below)?

Definition of "close contact"

face to face contact with an infected individual for any length of time, within 1 metre, including being coughed on, a face to face conversation, or unprotected physical contact (skin-to-skin)

proximity contacts - extended close contact (within 1 to 2 metres for more than 15 minutes) with an infected individual

travelling in a small vehicle, like a car, with an infected person

How to stop Covid 19 spreading

- Washing of hands regularly for at least 20 seconds
- Use hand sanitizing gel when soap is not available
- Wash hands as soon as you get home
- Cover mouth and nose when sneezing with elbow or tissue
- Put used tissues in the bin immediately and wash hands

I would like to thank you for your continued support in the most unprecedented of times

Yours faithfully



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