3rd December 2020

Dear Parents,

One pupil in Year 11 has tested positive for the virus. Unfortunately, this pupil was in the same Year 11 class that had recently all been self-isolating at home. As a result, we contacted the families of all twenty-six pupils in 11 Boulton 2 earlier today and that class was sent home at lunchtime.

The pupils in 11 Boulton 2 will now again have to isolate away from school and not return until the morning of Monday 14th December. As before, remote learning will be available to these pupils and their teachers will plan and prepare a remote learning curriculum for the class which they will be expected to follow.

Even though we have had fewer instances of pupils in all year groups testing positive in recent weeks, the whole-school community must continue to make sure that we are doing the following:

▪ Wear a face covering whenever moving around the school
▪ Wash hands with soap and water often – doing so for at least 20 seconds
▪ Use hand sanitiser gel if soap and water are not available
▪ Wash your hands as soon as you get home
▪ Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or your sleeve (not your hands) when you cough or sneeze
▪ Put used tissues in the bin immediately and wash your hands afterwards

Crucially, please also remember to not send pupils to school is they are experiencing any symptoms of coronavirus:

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

A reminder too that tomorrow is a teacher training day and that the school will be closed to pupils, except for those who have been invited into school to attend pre-planned meetings with school staff.

As ever, if you have any questions or concerns about our approach to mitigating the risks of coronavirus, please do get in touch and let me know.

If you have any further questions or concerns, please do get in touch with school as soon as possible.

Kind regards,

Mr Guy Rimmer
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