

20th November 2020

Dear Parents,

Unfortunately, we have had another instance of a pupil testing positive. On this occasion it is a pupil in Year 11, in 11 Boulton 2 and as a result all twenty-six pupils in that class will need to isolate away from school until Tuesday 1st December.

All Year 11 pupils have been issued with laptops and a rigorous approach to remote learning will be in place for them. This will be possible because their teachers will be able to plan and prepare a remote learning curriculum for them in the time created by not having the class in school.

Those pupils affected will be expected to complete assignments which will be set daily and the completion of this work will be monitored by their teachers each day. Ms Mawdsley (Head of Year 11) will email students at 8.30 every morning outlining the timetable and deadlines for the day. Students will need to complete their work using MS Teams on the laptops provided to them and submit their assignments by 2.00pm. To ensure that the deadline is met, students should work through sessions in the order set out on the timetable. After the 2.00pm deadline students can continue with the afternoon lessons and revision. You can support your child's learning by checking the timetable, checking assignments have been submitted and looking at quiz scores on Wednesday morning.

For all other classes who will be remaining in school, including the two sixth form year groups who will be returning from periods of isolation on Monday, we will continue to focus on taking the appropriate steps required to stop the spread of the virus.

Both in and school, everyone must make sure that they 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 if 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)

At the start of the school day, the entry of pupils into the school building will continue to be staggered once they have come through the different entry gates and have lined-up outside.

To allow this to happen as efficiently as possible, please note the expected arrival times of pupils in each year group below, recognises that this includes a slight change for pupils in some year groups who we are now expecting to arrive to school earlier than they have been arriving previously.

Pupils must arrive at the following times at the very latest:

Year Group	Arrival Time
Year 7	8.15am
Year 8	8.20am
Year 9	8.20am
Year 10	8.20am
Year 11	8.20am
Year 12	8.25am
Year 13	8.25am

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

Kind regards,



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