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Urgent information: Year 11 Closure

12th November 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

We have been advised that there has been a confirmed case of COVID-19 within the year 11 bubble, in addition to a few students who are displaying symptoms and who are self-isolating at home either awaiting tests or results.

With this recent information, and following the advice from the Public Health England, all students in year 11 must stay at home from tomorrow, 13th November. In line with the national guidance, your child must stay at home and self-isolate until Wednesday 25th November. The school will re-open for year 11 students on Thursday 26th November. If you have other students at the school not in the year 11 group, we are advised they can attend as normal unless someone in the household is displaying symptoms.

If your child is well at the end of the 14 days period of self-isolation, then they can return to usual activities.

Other members of your household can continue normal activities provided your child does not develop symptoms within the 14 day self-isolation period.

Please see the link to: Guidance for contacts of people with confirmed coronavirus (COVID-19) infection who do not live with the person

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-for-contacts-of-people-with-possible-or-confirmed-coronavirus-covid-19-infection-who-do-not-live-with-the-person>

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. 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.

People who do not have symptoms should not request a test unless this has been specifically requested by Public Health England or the local authority. All other household members who remain well must stay at home and not leave the house for 14 days. This includes anyone in your 'Support Bubble'.

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. 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 14 days will greatly reduce the overall amount of infection the household could pass on to others in the community

If you are able can, 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.

Please see the link to the PHE 'Stay at Home' Guidance:

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

Symptoms of COVID 19

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

- new continuous cough and/or
- high temperature and/or
- 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 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.

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:

Do

- wash your hands with soap and water often – do this 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

Further Information

Further information is available at

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

Please keep us informed of any positive test results as follows:

During school hours, you should contact us on 01952 468400 or email

CovidSupport@idsall.shropshire.sch.uk

Out of school hours, including during the weekend or school holidays, please email

CovidSupport@idsall.shropshire.sch.uk

Year 11 students should follow their timetable from home starting from period 1 on Friday 13th November, using our remote learning platform Microsoft Teams. Students will receive an invite through to their school email account to access their lesson. If they have any difficulties accessing the lessons, please email ITTechs@idsall.shropshire.sch.uk

All lessons will be within their normal timetabled times which are currently as follows:

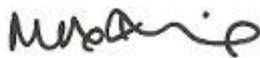
	Registration	8.50am
	Period 1	9.05am
	Period 2	10.05am
	Break	11.05am
Including lunch {	Period 3	11.25am
	Period 4	12.25pm
	Period 5	2.00pm
	Home	3.00pm

There will be no session six lessons during this period

We are operating a system to ensure that year groups are not mixing, and have zoned all social time and lunch periods so there is no need for us to take any further action with any other year group, and so they will continue to attend school as normal.

I appreciate that this is a very worrying time for you and your family but this action will allow us to stop any spread of the virus within the year group bubble, and prevent the spread across the rest of the school.

Many thanks for your continued supportive cooperation.



Ms M King
Headteacher