



CANSFIELD

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16th September 2020

Dear parents and carers,

It was with great sadness that I had to send our Year 11 students home today following a positive diagnosis for Covid 19. While I am aware that the student in question had, somewhat unfortunately, shared information about the positive test on social media at some point last night, we were only made aware at 7:55am when I spoke with the parent to confirm these rumours. I would like to thank the year group for the incredibly calm and orderly manner in which they left site today and I am hugely grateful to those of you who had to come out of work to collect your children. Public Health England have advised that the whole year group should isolate for 14 days since the individual was last in school (which was Thursday 10th September), meaning that the year group should return on **Friday 25th September**. I have talked Public Health England through the decisions we have made today and they agreed fully that we have taken the right action.

As part of our Education Continuity Plan, for the seven days of school that students will miss they will be able to access materials for all subjects on Google Classrooms which will continue to ensure that they move through their learning journey as they would if they were on site. Students need to log on to Google Classrooms and enter their school email and password where they can access classes. Staff are uploading relevant material as we speak and by tomorrow morning all lessons should be populated. Google Classrooms can be accessed via any platform that connects to the internet, including games consoles, mobile phones, tablets and computers. We are in the process of contacting those parents whose children do not have access to any device to loan them a device for this period. If you have any queries whatsoever about accessing work or using Google Classrooms then please contact Lisa Shoreman, our Senior Assistant Headteacher, l.shoreman@cansfield.wigan.sch.uk.

I have been somewhat overwhelmed by the support we have received from families in the last couple of hours. Needless to say this has required a rapid response to the situation by staff and students and as always we are proud of how our community has handled this. Any questions, please feel free to email me at: g.baker@cansfield.wigan.sch.uk.

Thanks and best wishes,

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