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4<sup>th</sup> October 2020

Dear parents and carers,

I am sorry to be writing to you to let you know that our Year 11 students will need to isolate again following a positive diagnosis for COVID-19 amongst the year group. I am extremely grateful to the parent and the student for letting me know immediately, meaning that we can put processes in place in an orderly fashion. The situation is very similar to the last time we faced this issue, whereby a student has isolated immediately when they realised that they had symptoms and by acting decisively the school prevented the spread of the virus on the school site. In line with Public Health England advice, the whole year group should stay at home and self-isolate for 14 days since the individual was in school, meaning that they should return on **Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> October** and remain in isolation until that point. 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 below for further guidance:

<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>

I know that this is extremely frustrating for everyone and it is a frustration that my team and I all share. We are following Government advice exactly and have made this decision on the basis of advice from Public Health England following a review of the specific instances relating to this case. It reflects the new reality that we all live in and you will be aware that other schools locally and nationally are in the exact same situation, with some having had to close completely due to positive test results in different year groups.

### **What to do if your Child Develops 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)

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. If your child does develop symptoms of COVID-19 then 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. If your child does develop COVID-19 symptoms, then please see the link to the PHE 'Stay at Home' Guidance:

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

### **Remote Learning Plans**

Our Education Continuity Plan is now fully in place and we will be reverting to Remote Learning via Google Classroom to ensure that students can move through their learning journey as they would if they were on site. All students have now had training on using Google Classroom and there is a Guide on the COVID-19 area of the school website (accessible via the pink banner on the Home page of our website). Staff have had time to prepare and from tomorrow students should access their lessons at the same time they would do if they were on site. Google Classroom can be accessed via any platform that connects to the internet, including games consoles, mobile phones, tablets and computers. We will be contacting those students who have informed us that they do not have access to any device to get on Google Classroom and will loan them a device for this period first thing tomorrow morning. If you have any queries whatsoever about accessing work or using Google Classroom then please contact Lisa Shoreman ([l.shoreman@cansfield.wigan.sch.uk](mailto:l.shoreman@cansfield.wigan.sch.uk)), our Senior Assistant Headteacher who is overseeing Remote Learning.

We continue to be grateful for your support and proud of how our community is working to handle this worldwide pandemic. As always, if you have any questions then please feel free to email me at: [g.baker@cansfield.wigan.sch.uk](mailto:g.baker@cansfield.wigan.sch.uk).

Best wishes,



Dr Geoff Baker.

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