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16th November 2020

Dear parents and carers,

It was with great sadness that I made the decision to send all of our Year 7 and Year 10 students home today following unrelated positive diagnoses for Covid 19 in both year groups over the weekend. I would like to thank all the students 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 guidelines state that they will need to isolate from 14 days since the individuals were in school, meaning that if your child is well at the end of the period of self-isolation, then they can return to usual activities (in line with lockdown guidance) on **Saturday 28th November** and should return to school on **Monday 30th November**. Other members of your household can continue normal activities provided your child does not develop symptoms within the 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>

This morning has been somewhat frustrating given that details of one of the positive cases was shared on social media on Saturday, yet we were not informed until we contacted the parent to confirm these rumours. In another case the result came in on Sunday, but we were not told till break time today. If we had been contacted over the weekend we could have notified all parents on Sunday, which would have meant that all of today's disruption could have been avoided. Furthermore, despite the national lockdown rules being in place, the situation has been made far more complex because a number of our students have been socialising on Friday evening and over the weekend. I am incredibly grateful to the huge majority of parents who have worked closely with the school in this regard, but would ask that if you have a positive case that you alert us immediately and give us time to put provisions in place before putting this information on social media. Likewise, just a reminder that there is currently a national lockdown in place with clear guidelines that should limit contact between students outside school.

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)

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If your child does develop 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:

<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 for this group 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). 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. Students will have access to lessons that follow the sequence of lessons they would have covered at school and lessons will begin with a face to face session on Google Meet to get students setup with the activities. If you have any queries whatsoever about accessing work or using Google Classroom then please contact Lisa Shoreman (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.

Best wishes,



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