Dear parents,

I am writing to inform you that a student in Year 12 has tested positive for coronavirus. Please see below the official letter from Public Health England which gives you further information about what this means.

I understand that you will be concerned about the situation. As I am sure you aware there has been an increase in cases in the local area; sadly it is inevitable that there are going to be children who test positive for coronavirus. Thankfully, in all of our cases so far the children concerned have not been too poorly.

The continuation of learning for students who have been asked to self-isolate is a priority for us; students will have their work set on Frog. Mrs Scott also spoke to all of the students affected and made it clear that they were to be in regular touch with teaching staff.

We are obviously disappointed to have to send Year 12 students home so early on in their time in Post 16 but we must follow advice. The students approached the situation maturely and sensibly and as ever we are grateful of the support we receive from you as parents.

Please see below the letter that I am obliged to send out from Public Health England.

Yours sincerely,
Mr P Latham
Chief Executive
Endeavour Academies

Dear Parent,

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 .

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/

Yours sincerely
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