

## **Positive Covid-19 Case: Frequently Asked Questions for Parents**

### **1. How many confirmed cases of Covid-19 have there been in school and in what year groups?**

At the time of writing, there has been two confirmed cases of Covid-19 in school, one in Year 9 and one in Year 10.

### **2. Has the school undertaken a risk assessment?**

Yes, we have followed guidance given by the Health Protection Team and have followed our comprehensive risk assessment which was written in April and updated in August. A copy of this is available on our website.

### **3. What action has the school taken?**

We have identified all the pupils and staff who have been in close contact with the pupils who have tested positive and have sent home all pupils affected. We have informed all parents and staff that we have had a positive Covid-19 case in school. All Year 9 and 10 rooms and areas have been deep-cleaned.

### **4. Why has my child been told to self-isolate?**

Your child has been told to self-isolate as they have been in close contact with the pupil who has tested positive, either in lessons or in recreational time.

### **5. What does this mean for my child now?**

Your child now needs to stay at home and self-isolate until Monday 28<sup>th</sup> September, returning to school on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> September.

### **6. What does this mean for our family? Do we all have to self-isolate?**

No, other members of the family do not need to self-isolate unless they are showing symptoms.

### **7. Should I organise a Covid-19 test for my child and family members?**

No. You only need to book a test if a family member develops symptoms. Please see details below about how to organise a test.

### **8. Can my child participate in clubs and activities whilst they are self-isolating?**

No. Your child needs to remain at home until Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> September. Please follow national guidelines regarding self-isolating.

### **9. Will my child's education be compromised as they are self-isolating?**

No, home learning will be provided, and your child should be completing school work during school hours every day, following their normal timetable. Where possible, staff will try to teach some lessons with via Microsoft Teams.

### **10. My child has siblings in other year groups. Do they need to be off school and self-isolating too?**

No, siblings can continue to come into school unless they are showing symptoms.

### **11. When can my child return to school?**

If your child is well, they can return to school on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> September.

**12. What if my child is unwell on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> September?**

Do not send them to school. Your child needs to remain off school and only return when they are well. If your child is displaying Covid-19 symptoms, or has tested positive for Covid-19, please see the information below.

**13. My child is in Year 10 but I have not received a letter or been told to self-isolate. Why is this? Can I choose to keep my child at home?**

If you have not received a letter or text message, your child has not been identified as having been in close contact in lessons or recreational time with the pupil who tested positive. Therefore, they do not need to self-isolate and are expected in school every day, unless they are unwell and/or are showing symptoms.

**14. What should I do if my child develops symptoms?**

If your child develops symptoms of Covid-19, they should remain at home for at least 10 days from the date 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, after the child develops symptoms. The 14-day period starts from the day when the first person in the house became ill.

**15. What happens if my child tests positive?**

Please inform school immediately and follow all guidance regarding self-isolation.