

13 November 2020

Dear Parent/Carer

**Covid19 case identified in school**

I am writing to inform you that we have been given information that two positive Covid19 cases have been identified in school. There is one case within the Y11 cohort and one within the Y7 cohort.

As you are aware different year groups have been separated within the school and with the exception of the canteen and some toilet facilities, remain separated during the school day from other year groups. All students and staff in classrooms also wear face coverings and therefore the potential for onward spread of the virus is less likely.

**However, after contacting our local health protection team and as a precaution, we are asking the students in both Y7 and Y11 cohorts to self-isolate for a period of 14 days from the date when each case was last in school as we cannot guarantee that some onward transmission of the virus has not occurred.**

Those students who travel on the same bus as the identified Covid19 cases are also at enhanced risk of transmission and will also be asked to self-isolate for 14 days. This is the Hunts7 School Service bus.

**During this time students should remain at home and not mix with other students or others outside of the home.** There are strict rules regarding self-isolation and breaching of these rules is clearly a serious matter. Whilst no other member of the household needs to self-isolate under Government guidance, unless the student shows symptoms of Covid19, I would ask you to consider the high potential for household transmission and take appropriate steps to protect more vulnerable members of your family. This is why siblings of children in Y7 and Y11 at JSTC are also asked to remain off school. Students at JSTC who are siblings of the cases at other schools are also asked to self-isolate as household transmission effectively extends the bubble they are in. This approach has been fully endorsed by our Governing Body and remains our approach to keep our students and their families as safe as possible. Should your child start to show symptoms, all members of the household need to self-isolate and those showing symptoms should book a Covid test.

**The return dates for different students are**

**Student in Y7 - Wednesday 25 November**

**Student in Y11 - Wednesday 25 November**

**Any student who travels on the Hunts7 school service bus – Wednesday 25 November**

**Sibling of Y7 and Y11 JSTC – Wednesday 25 November**

**Sibling of a Y13 local case – Wednesday 25 November**

**Sibling of Y7S, Y8S, Y10 case at local school – Wednesday 25 November**

**Sibling of Y9 case at local school - Friday 27 November**



**Please do not send your child back to school after this date, if they, or any member of the household, has Covid symptoms (cough, high temperature, loss of smell/taste).**

**If your child does develop symptoms please organise a test, remain at home and update the school immediately. We need to keep track of the spread of the disease whilst students are not physically in school.**

During the time that your child is having to self-isolate at home the school will do everything it can to support you and enable your child's education to continue. This will include work being set by staff on our Class Charts platform. We are currently looking to put in virtual teaching for Y11 over our Teams platform. More details of this plan will be released as soon as possible.

This is a difficult and challenging time for everyone and staff will be working hard to serve both families and children in school as well as those self-isolating. Therefore, work from the lessons may not be on Class Charts until 5pm on the day of that lesson. Please bear with us as staff are clearly under pressure to maintain different ways of working at this time.

We will also continue to support you via our dedicated pastoral teams. Staff in the Progress Teams can be contacted in the usual way using the specific e-mails available on the JSTC website. Again, any e-mail sent will be replied to but response times may be longer than usual as staff may have an increased demand to address.

We also work closely with other local schools and the Alford Hub who are overseeing the local response and support network to Covid19. We will ensure that all relevant support organisations are fully aware of the situation so that they too can support you and your family.

As the situation changes we will send out additional information. However, in the meantime please ensure that your child does not return to school until the date identified above.

Yours sincerely



Ms J Shorrocks  
Headteacher

