

5th October 2020

Dear Year 8 Parent/Carer

Advice from Public Health England for your child to self-isolate

We have been advised by Public Health England that there has been a confirmed case of COVID-19 within our Year 8 group bubble. Please see below, the direct communication and advice from Public Health England.

Isolation advice

We have followed the national guidance and have identified that your child in Year 8 has been in close contact with the affected person. In line with the updated national guidance that your child **must now stay at home and self-isolate until Friday 16th October**. The Academy breaks for half term on Thursday 15th meaning your child will in fact return following the half term break **on Monday 2nd November 2020**, (providing they are symptom-free).

This is vital to reduce the further spread of COVID-19.

If your child is well at the end of the period of self-isolation, then they can return to usual activities.

Other members of your household can continue normal activities provided they or your child does not develop symptoms within the self-isolation period.

Please see the link to the PHE Staying at Home Guidance:

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

What to do if your child develops symptoms of COVID-19

If your child develops symptoms of COVID-19, you should organise for your child to be tested via the NHS online portal or by calling 119. Your household should isolate until you receive the test results giving the all clear.

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)

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/>

As you know, the health, safety and wellbeing of all of our young people is our top priority. We have extensive safety measures in place to mitigate against the risk of transmission. This situation serves as a reminder that we all need to remain vigilant, both in school and in the community, and follow the latest Government guidance.

I know that this is a lot of information to digest, while also thinking about your child's learning. To support this your child will bring home today a pack of work to complete during their period of isolation. You can also find details of the online learning offer for your child during their isolation in the 'Bubble Closure Support' page of our website, within the curriculum section.

If you have any questions or queries, please send these via MCAS. If you do not yet have access to the MCAS app, and you have a question please contact us by telephone or email: admin.requests@oasisoldham.org.

Please rest assured that we will keep you updated on the current situation.

Warm regards



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Principal