



ST/KJP
24th September 2020

Dear Parent/Carer,

Further to my letter last week, I wanted to inform you that there has since been a second confirmed case of COVID-19 within the academy.

The individual has not been in the academy since Tuesday 15th September, as they were already part of the bubble that was self-isolating as a precautionary measure. We have been in contact with Public Health England who have advised that as the student has had no contact with anyone in the academy during that period, no contact tracing is required and therefore no additional actions are needed at this time.

As outlined previously, however, we endeavour to keep you updated with all relevant developments which is why I am writing to inform you of this today. The academy continues to be safe to remain open to all students and teachers who are not part of a selected social bubble who are self-isolating as a precautionary measure, and are not experiencing symptoms of COVID-19.

If your child is experiencing symptoms of COVID-19 (new continuous cough; high temperature; loss of or change in sense of taste or smell) they must self-isolate immediately and you should arrange for your child to get tested. **If the test comes back with a positive result, please inform us immediately, and your child should self-isolate at least 10 days from the onset of symptoms.** The rest of the household should self-isolate for at least 14 days from when your child first had symptoms.

Updated guidance now advises that if the **test delivers a negative result, your child can come back to school assuming they are well and are no longer experiencing symptoms.** The household can also come out of isolation, providing they have no symptoms either.

We are continuing to work closely with our local health protection team to ensure we take all necessary precautions, and we will be continuing to operate the many robust safety measures we have in place as shared with you previously.

I would like to take this opportunity to once again thank you for your ongoing support and if you have any questions or would like to discuss any of this further, please do not hesitate to contact the academy.

Yours sincerely

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