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16<sup>th</sup> November 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

I am writing to provide an update following information that two students at the academy tested positive for COVID-19 over the weekend, one in Year 10 and one in Year 11. The students and families of those affected have already been informed and they will be self-isolating and accessing remote learning from home to limit any disruption to their education. The academy continues to be safe to remain open to all other students and teachers who are not part of this self-isolation bubble, and are not experiencing symptoms of COVID-19.

As a school, ensuring the health, safety and wellbeing of our students, staff and the wider school community has been our absolute priority. We have closely followed all Government guidance and have implemented all possible safety measures and protocols to ensure everyone's safety and to limit the transmission of any virus.

We have been working closely with Public Health Walsall to follow all necessary measures and have been operating robust safety protocols, including:

- Enhanced cleaning regime in classrooms/the whole site
- One-way system across the whole site
- Staggered lunch arrangements, entry/exit points and designated year group social spaces
- Strict social bubbles
- Enhanced sanitisation facilities
- Strict seating plan arrangements in every classroom
- Strict enforcement of the wearing of masks in communal areas

It is important that students remain vigilant and continue to uphold the essential safety protocols in place both within school and when out in the wider community - applying social distancing measures, good hand hygiene and wearing face masks when necessary. We would also ask families to inform us as soon as possible if they are contacted via the track and trace service in relation to activities taking place outside of the academy.

Thank you once again for your ongoing support and understanding, it is greatly appreciated. If there are any further updates we will inform you immediately.

Yours sincerely

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