

25 March 2021

Dear Parent/Carer of Year 10 student self-isolating

Requirement of some Year 10 students' to self-isolate at home up to and including 2 April

I write to give additional details to the text message sent to you today, and to share the next steps for your child.

I can confirm that a Year 10 student, that your child may have been in close contact with, has tested positive for Covid-19 using a home lateral flow test (LFT). They are awaiting the results of a PCR test currently. I know you appreciate we are unable to share any further personal details, and I ask that families are sensitive to this, particularly on social media. I'd like to reassure you that we have taken all reasonable infection prevention and control measures in school, and have sought specific advice from Public Health and the Local Authority today about this case.

Following the latest Department for Education and Public Health guidance, it is necessary for your child to stay at home and self-isolate up to and including Friday 2 April under all circumstances. Further details of what your child needs to do are in the NHS Guidance here:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/testing-for-coronavirus/nhs-test-and-trace-if-youve-been-in-contact-with-a-person-who-has-coronavirus/>

We are asking you to do this to reduce the further spread of Covid-19 to others in the community. If you need support with isolation, please contact Redcar and Cleveland Borough Council.

Other members of your household can continue normal activities provided your child does not develop symptoms within the self-isolation period up to and including Friday 2 April. Siblings should continue to attend school for the last day of term, ie tomorrow Friday 26 March.

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

Please be aware that Public Health advice is that your child should only be tested if they show symptoms.

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

For most people, especially children, Covid-19 will be a mild illness.

The most common symptoms of 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).

If your child develops any of these symptoms of Covid-19, they should continue to remain at home and arrangements should be made for them to be tested. At that time all other household members must also stay at home, not go to work, school or public areas, even for exercise, whilst those test results are pending.

Testing can be arranged by calling 119 or via the NHS website: www.nhs.uk/coronavirus

When the result of your child's test is known further advice will then be made available to you via the local Track and Trace Team. If your child tests positive for Covid-19, you must inform school at your very earliest opportunity.

This will enable us to work with Public Health to trace other people your child may have come into contact with and advise them take the necessary precautions and self-isolate. Please be assured that we will not share any personal or confidential information about your child with staff or parents/carers.

Please note that students self-isolating in Year 10 who test negative for Covid-19 before the 2 March must still continue to self-isolate and stay at home, to ensure no symptoms develop during the self-isolation period.

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:

- 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.

Year 10 Access to Google Classroom during self-isolation on Friday 26 March

On Friday 26 March, work will be set for your child via their GoogleClassroom. This work will be set in the order of their usual lessons on a Friday, it being the last day of term, as shown in their Planner. They should complete this work in the order of their daily timetable, finishing work from the Friday Period 1 lesson first, the Period 2 and so on. If circumstances have changed or your child needs help with logging in, please email us via google@normanby.outwood.com with your child's name. We will then email you revised log-in details for your child, and be able to advise on any technology issues you might have. If you have an urgent concern please email enquiries@normanby.outwood.com

Thank you for your continued support, it is very much appreciated.

Yours faithfully



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Principal