



Oldbury Wells

LTM/kd/Y10isolation

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Dear Parent/Guardian

**Re: Updates for parents of Year 10 students regarding period of Self Isolation**

Can I thank all parents for their positive feedback and communication since our return to school this week and following our announcement during half term that our Year 10 year group bubble would be closed until Friday 6th November, during which time all students are required to self-isolate in line with government guidelines for the total 14 day period.

Can I summarise a number of important messages to ensure that your child and you as a family continue to be supported throughout this period of time.

Announcement regarding National Lockdown. The Government's announcement does not change the requirements which were already in place following our previous communication. All year 10 students should continue to self-isolate until 11:59pm on Thursday, 5th November and then attend school as normal from Friday, 6th November. Following this date families should follow government advice (<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/new-national-restrictions-from-5-november#going-to-school-college-and-university>).

What happened if my child displays symptoms during this time? If your child develops symptoms of COVID-19, they should remain at home for at least 10 days from the date when their symptoms appeared. Anyone with symptoms will be eligible for testing and this can be arranged via <https://www.nhs.uk/ask-for-a-coronavirus-test> or by calling 119.

People who do not have symptoms should not request a test unless this has been specifically requested by Public Health England or the local authority.

All other household members who remain well must stay at home and not leave the house for 14 days. This includes anyone in your 'Support Bubble'. The 14-day period starts from the day when the first person in the house became ill (although this will now fall into the National Lockdown requirements). Please refer to the most recent government guidance for further updates.

How will my child be supported with their work? Students should follow their normal school timetable at home. Work will either be set via the Classwork section of Satchel One, or for the first three days of distance learning it maybe work through the National Academy (<https://classroom.thenational.academy>). Some lessons will involve a live element of teaching from the normal class teacher, with others requiring students to work on set activities. We have ensured that under current arrangements, your child's teacher will be available through Microsoft Teams during their timetabled lessons should they have any questions. It is therefore essential that your child joins their group via Microsoft Teams at their allocated lesson time. Our experience over the last couple of days is that some students are adopting ways of working when previously on lockdown, meaning they are contacting staff at different times outside of their lesson, staff are currently teaching other groups in school at these times and so will not be available to respond outside of their allocated time.

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How should any work at home be submitted? Students will be asked to submit any work online. This may involve attaching a document or photo of the work they have completed; it is important that this is done successfully to ensure that their learning can continue on return to school on Friday.

Is there anything else my child needs to consider when they return to school on Friday? As is the case with all other students, your child will return on Friday and will be asked to work within our continued COVID control measures. We are extremely confident that all of our practices are in line with government requirements and as communicated previously, we have been extremely pleased with how all of those within our community have responded. We will be reminding students of some of the basic requirements in a short virtual assembly on Friday morning, and look forward to welcoming them back into school.

Can I again thank you for all of your support. We are currently updating our COVID Updates section on the school website to provide further detail for parents but would ask you to contact the school directly should you have any specific concerns.

Kind regards  
Yours faithfully



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