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Dear Parent/Carer,

**Re: Update for parents of Year 8 students regarding Self isolation and School Closure**

Thank you to all parents and families for their support following the recent confirmed COVID-19 cases within the Year 8 Learning Bubble; your response to communication from school and swift action has ensured we were able to successfully work within the requirements given.

Following some questions we have received into school I would like to clarify the following points and ensure that all families are clear as to expectations during the period of closure for their child:

Parental Communication. It is essential that parents respond to the letter they have received for their own child, this is available on the link which is sent out via our text message service to you. The reason for this is that following a confirmed positive case there are often developments and updates which result in changes for identified groups of students (normally based on when an individual may have last been identified as a close contact). Parents should not therefore react to conversations they have with other parents or open social media platforms where communication has the potential to be confused or unintentionally misleading; please only respond to official school communication.

School Closure for Year 8. The decision to close a whole year group bubble would only be taken as a last resort and follows conversation with Public Health England and the local Public Health Team. As this is not an immediate decision, due to a local situation changing over a very short period of time, this may result in an initial message being amended for identified individuals. Again, parents should refer to the most recent communication on the text message they receive.

Isolation Periods for Students. On this occasion, the isolation periods for students varies slightly depending on their last point of potential contact. Throughout the period of school closure, families should ensure that during the formal notified isolation for their own child they remain at home and follow the guidance supplied in the previous communication.

Working from Home. During the period of school closure, even if an individual's formal isolation period has ended, all students are expected to be working from home during school hours and should not be in the community between the hours of 8:40am and 3:05pm. Lessons are scheduled throughout the day via Satchel One and supported by live elements through Microsoft Teams. Parents should ensure that students are at home throughout these times and are fully engaged with online lessons.

I very much hope this feedback provides further clarification of requirements following what has been the first positive case in school since the national adjustments resulting from the Government's roadmap out of the COVID pandemic. We continue to work as a school to ensure that all members of our community remain informed and are clear of the expectations of them to keep everyone safe.

Thank you for your ongoing support, and should you have any question please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Yours sincerely

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