



## **21<sup>st</sup> October 2020**

Dear parents and carers,

Unfortunately, this evening we have been informed of a positive case of COVID 19 in our year 8 student bubble. This child has been outside of the school setting since the end of school on Monday and is currently self-isolating. We are in regular contact to check on their welfare.

In these situations, we have to make contact with the Department for Education Public Health team however; their phone lines do not reopen until 8am tomorrow morning. Therefore, as purely a precautionary measure, in the interest of safety to our students and staff I have made the decision that ***all of our year 8 should stay home tomorrow, Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> October*** and access their work via Google Classrooms. When the Public Health team phone lines reopen, tomorrow we will then be able to obtain their specific guidance in relation to this case, therefore complete the necessary track, trace procedures, and follow their advice accordingly.

By midday tomorrow, I will contact all year 8 parents and the wider school community again and inform them of any further actions required, including the expectations for Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October.

***All other year groups will attend school as normal including the siblings of year 8 students*** obviously, as always if you are showing any symptoms of COVID please stay home and book a test.

I do understand that this will be a very worrying and frustrating time for you and the family. Please try to remain calm and if you have any concerns and questions please contact your Head of Year in the first instance.

Kind regards,

Amanda Woodfin  
Headteacher.