

Sunday 11th October 2020

Dear Parent/Carer,

I do apologise for writing to you on a Sunday morning but thought it important that you received this information as soon as possible. Unfortunately, a trainee teacher who worked with a Year 7 class on the afternoon of Tuesday 6th October has since tested positive for Covid-19. He was not present in work from Tuesday afternoon onwards and received a positive test result late last night.

Due to the increasing incidences of Covid-19 in Nottingham, Public Health England have advised that all students in 7B1 Maths class will now need to self-isolate for 14 days from the date of last contact with the positive case. This means that parents of all students in the 7B1 Maths class have been contacted separately to ask them to self-isolate until Wednesday 21st October 2020.

Why do only 7B1 have to isolate if Year 7 are classified as a 'bubble'?

As this is a case of a staff member who has only been with the 7B1 class, it is not currently necessary for all students in Year 7 to isolate. However, if a student within 7B1 subsequently received a positive test result, then it is likely that all of Year 7 would have to self-isolate.

We know there are high numbers of cases in Nottingham, what will happen with school if the numbers continue to increase?

As you will be fully aware, there are increasing levels of positive testing for Covid-19 in Nottingham. Therefore, it is highly likely that as this week progresses, we may see some further changes to the way in which we need to operate as a school. We have to continually review our staffing levels to ensure that we can open safely for students and staff. I will continue to update you as quickly as I can on any changes that we have to put in place to ensure that the health and safety of your child is not compromised.

Can I please take this opportunity to remind you all of the importance of students wearing masks in communal spaces and ensuring that they are repeatedly sanitizing their hands. We are also happy for students to wear masks within the classroom if they feel more comfortable doing so. We will give frequent reminders to children but unfortunately we are not able to enforce mask wearing and the use of hand sanitizer, therefore, it is important that they are reminded at home also.

What to do if your child develops symptoms of COVID 19

Please notify school as soon as you can.

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 .

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.

Household members should not go to work, school or public areas and exercise should be taken within the home. If you require help with buying groceries, other shopping or picking up medication, or walking a dog, you should ask friends or family. Alternatively, you can order your shopping online and medication by phone or online.

Household members staying at home for 14 days will greatly reduce the overall amount of infection the household could pass on to others in the community

Symptoms of COVID 19

The most common symptoms of coronavirus (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 does develop symptoms, you can seek advice from NHS 111 at <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/check-if-you-have-coronavirus-symptoms/> or by phoning 111.

Further Information

Further information is available at <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

If you have any concerns/queries/questions, please contact me directly on ehoward@nusa.org.uk and I will contact you back via telephone or email as per your preference.

Yours sincerely

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