

Dear Parent/Carer,

I am writing to update you on some additional precautionary actions that are being undertaken following two separate positive cases being reported to the academy through the day today. Having sought advice from the Department for Education, Public Health England, the local council and the Ormiston Academies Trust a total number of 65 students and 5 members of staff in total from across both cases, who have been identified as potential contacts are now going to be learning remotely from home and self-isolating as a precaution to limit any transmission of the virus. **Please note that we have made home contact with all of the families of the 65 students and that if we have not been in contact today, your child is not affected.**

In the meantime, **the school is safe to remain open to all students and teachers who have not been identified as potential contacts and all students other than those we have communicated with already should continue to attend.** By having robust processes in place we have been able to act immediately to identify those who need to self-isolate in line with all Government guidance. Please note, we have identified contacts using Government guidance and in discussion with the Department for Education, the local council and the Ormiston Academies Trust. **Only students identified as contacts need to self isolate, and on these occasions the full year groups and full classes have not been identified as contacts. I am sure you will appreciate that each instance is unique and that by applying the same Government guidance in the same way to each case we can identify the actual contacts and that this number can vary case to case depending on each individual situation.**

For your awareness, the **students identified that are accessing learning remotely are being asked to self-isolate for a 14-day period.** If a student does not develop symptoms, they can return to school and their usual activities at the end of the 14 days, meaning they will return to the academy on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> November if they remain without symptoms. Other members of the household can continue normal activities provided the student does not develop symptoms within the 14 day self-isolation period, and you can find further guidance [here](#) for members of the household.

However, if the student 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 the [NHS website](#) or by calling 119. All other household members who remain well must stay at home and not leave the house for 14 days, from the day when the first person in the house becomes ill. This includes anyone in the 'Support Bubble'. Please find a link [here](#) for further guidance on what to do if a household develops symptoms.

Those **students self-isolating will be accessing remote learning from home** to limit any disruption to their education and we have ensured they have access to high quality remote education resources that are linked to the curriculum expectations. Work will be set using our normal homework and communication channels, using Team Satchel (Show My Homework) and email.

We are continuing to work closely with our local health protection team to ensure that we are taking all the necessary precautions, and will be continuing to operate the many other robust safety measures we have in place including social distancing, wearing protective face coverings, increased hygiene and cleaning protocols and the use of year group bubbles meaning that children from different year groups do not mix on site at any time in the school day.

We would ask you to inform us as soon as possible if your child is contacted via track and trace, or should your child be experiencing any symptoms relating to COVID-19.

I want to take this opportunity to reassure you that, as always, the safety and wellbeing of our students and staff is our number one priority and we will continue to adhere to all Government and local guidance to safeguard our school community.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'R.A. Kitley', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Rachel Kitley  
Principal