

16th November 2020

Dear Parent/Carer

Covid-19 – Confirmed case

I am writing to provide information following a positive Covid-19 case at Inspire Academy. Following advice from Public Health England (PHE), the Local Authority (LA) in conjunction with the Trust, we have had to take the difficult decision to shut the Academy this week (**Monday 16th November – Friday 20th November 2020**), due to those people that have come in to close proximity with this person, having to self-isolate, causing depleted staff numbers, which then leads to us believing the Academy will be unsafe.

Although the government guidance states that the self-isolation period is 14 days from the last time anyone has been in contact with someone that has had a positive test, the person in question has been absent from the Academy since Friday 6th November 2020, meaning there has been no contact since then and that the closure, under guidance from PHE only needs to be for 1 week.

I would like to reassure you that everyone who is required to self-isolate has already been contacted and that we will be taking measures to make sure the building is deep cleaned before staff and pupils return.

If your child or anyone in the household 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. We would also ask that you contact Mrs. Edwards, Welfare Manager, as a matter of urgency, so we can monitor the situation. Her number is: 07902 826591

Google Classroom has been set up for each pupil so that they are able to access virtual learning during this week. Lessons have been and will be uploaded on a daily basis, with live virtual lessons happening as per the timetable emailed out by Mr Nolan. If you have any issues with accessing this please do not hesitate to contact Mr Nolan, his email address is as follows:
lnolan@inspreacademy.org.uk.

Daily calls will be made by your child/wards form tutor, to make sure they are well and able to access and complete the work provided, also helping to solve any issues if they possibly can.

I would like to kindly ask that all parents, carers and family members to avoid discussing this case on social media or via WhatsApp groups as this can often create misinformation and increase anxiety unnecessarily. Please be aware that we will contact all parents and carers should this situation change at all and therefore you can rely on the Academy for any official news.

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to email your child's/ward's form tutor.

All parents and carers will be contacted by phone on Friday 20th November to confirm the Academy will re-open on Monday 23rd November, if you do not receive this call, please check your emails.

Thank you all for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark Burgiss", written in a cursive style.

Mark Burgiss
Head of Academy