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Dear Parent/Carer

We have just been made aware of two Year 10 students who have tested positive for COVID-19. We know that you may find this concerning, but we are continuing to monitor the situation and are working closely with Public Health York. This letter is to inform you of the current situation and provide advice on how to support your child. Please be reassured that for most people, coronavirus (COVID-19) will be a mild illness.

We believe that we have identified any close contacts that these student have had. The families of these students have been contacted with a separate letter and these students will be self-isolating at home in line with Government guidance. If you have not received this separate letter then no further action is required.

Please remember that the school remains open and your child should continue to attend as normal if they remain well.

With cases of COVID-19 rising nationally and also rising more locally, it is timely to highlight some really important reminders to help ensure that we are all doing everything we can to minimise the risk of spreading infection.

Firstly, the school will continue to provide lateral flow devices to continue with twice weekly, home testing if consent has been provided. This asymptomatic testing has recently demonstrated how effective it can be in identifying potential cases early, which means that people are isolating quickly. As a reminder, these test results must be reported via the NHS test and trace system in line with the instruction booklet provided, but please also report the result to school each time using the Google form link:
<https://forms.gle/1gUDh8KbnTKeSfjc8>.

Secondly, please ensure that students self-isolate and do not come into school if they have any potential COVID-19 symptoms, including any of the following:

- a new continuous cough
- a high temperature
- a loss of, or change in, their normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia)

Anyone with symptoms will be eligible for PCR testing. This can be arranged by calling 119 or via:
<https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test>

All other household members must stay at home until the test result is known and then follow NHS test and trace instruction on further isolation as required.

If your child does develop symptoms, you can seek advice from the nhs.uk website at <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms/main-symptoms/>. If you are concerned about your child's symptoms, or they are worsening you can seek advice from NHS 111 at <https://111.nhs.uk/> or by phoning 111.

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For most people, coronavirus (COVID-19) will be a mild illness, but there are things we can all do to stop COVID-19 spreading and that will help reduce the risk of you and anyone you live with becoming ill with COVID-19.

Do:

- wash your hands with soap and water often – do this for at least 20 seconds
- use hand sanitiser gel if soap and water are not available
- wash your hands as soon as you get home
- cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or your sleeve (not your hands) when you cough or sneeze
- put used tissues in the bin immediately and wash your hands afterwards

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Dave Hewitt', written in a cursive style.

Dave Hewitt
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