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Dear Parents and Carers,

Today we received confirmation of a positive covid-19 test from a Year 11 student. This led to the closure of the Year 11 whilst we applied our track and trace procedures in collaboration with Public Health England. Following this 1-day closure, we are able to confirm that several students in the Year 11 group and two members of staff will self isolate for 14 days from 6 November (the date of last contact). However, due to the number of close contacts that were identified, and so that we can ensure full access to the Year 11 curriculum for all children, **ALL** year 11 students will remain at home until they return to King's Oak Academy on **Monday 23 November 2020**.

All families of students affected have been contacted and given guidance on the self-isolation period and remote learning has be set for those students staying at home. Your child is in a different year group and not a contact of the affected student therefore they should continue to attend school as normal.

If you have any concerns that you would like to discuss, please get in touch through koa.office@clf.uk

I want to reassure everyone in our community that we are working tirelessly to keep everyone safe during the pandemic and that we have taken all the necessary steps in line with current Public Health England guidance. Students in all years should attend the Academy as usual unless they have symptoms or have been contacted separately by the Academy or NHS Test and Trace. Many thanks for your support in navigating this turbulent time.

Further guidance on what to do if a member of your household develops symptoms is included below.

Kind regards



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Please find below further guidance on Covid 19:

What to do if your child develops symptoms of COVID 19

If your child develops symptoms of COVID-19, you should inform King's Oak Academy and organise for your child to be tested via the NHS online portal or by calling 119. Your household should isolate until you receive the test results giving the all clear.

The main symptoms of coronavirus are (NHS website):

- a high temperature – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)
- a new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal
- Most people with coronavirus have at least 1 of these symptoms.

For most people, coronavirus (COVID-19) will be a mild illness.

How to stop COVID-19 spreading

There are things you can do to 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
- wear a face covering in all indoor communal areas whilst at King's Oak Academy
- Adhere to the current National Lockdown restrictions

Flu vaccination

- We would like to take this opportunity to remind you and your family to have the flu vaccination if you are eligible for this, especially if you are in a risk group. You can find out about risk groups and whether you are eligible for a flu vaccine at the NHS Flu vaccine overview.

Further Information

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

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