

J/SLT/DR/PrtsLets/MsM

28th September 2020

Dear Parent/Carer

As you may be aware, we were informed over the weekend that a pupil in Year 11 has tested positive for COVID-19. This was the second case in the year group within the week. We can confirm that, as far as we can tell, the second pupil had no contact with the first pupil. It is likely that transmission probably did not occur 'in-school.'

This pupil has not been in the building since Wednesday 23rd September. My first response is for the safety of pupils, staff and all of our families. To that end we sent a text to ask all Year 11 to remain at home today to allow time for the school to carry out thorough track and trace procedures. This has involved examining seating plans, checking proximity for every lesson and identifying potential contacts before and after school, at break and at lunchtime.

We have now concluded this investigation and I am able to report that that a large majority of Year 11 pupils have not had contact with this individual either at school or in the local community.

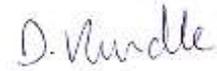
I can confirm that your son/daughter has not had contact with this individual and on that basis should return back to Hollingworth tomorrow, Tuesday 29 September to resume studying for their GCSEs.

Please be reassured, as is detailed in our comprehensive risk assessments, that the classrooms in our school are disinfected and thoroughly and meticulously cleaned every day. Unlike our pupils in Key Stage 3, Year 11 are moving between rooms to access specialist facilities throughout the day and staff and pupils disinfect and wipe seating and tables as part of everyday routines before starting each lesson as well as sanitising their hands.

We are currently speaking with individuals who have had contact with the Year 11 pupil who has tested positive. They have been instructed to isolate at home for 14 days weeks from the time of their last contact.

I fully appreciate that everyone associated with our community may feel worried about this, particularly as we have dealt with two cases in a short period of time. Please be reassured that we will take all necessary steps to keep pupils, staff and all of our families safe.

Yours faithfully



Mr D Randle
Headteacher