

11 November, 2020

Dear Parent/Carer

RE: Sixth Form Closure – Thursday 12th and Friday 13th November 2020

Hanson School Sixth Form will be closed to all Year 12 and 13 students on **Thursday 12th and Friday 13th November 2020** to enable a deep clean to take place as a precautionary measure following two more positive Covid 19 results within the Year 13 bubble. The Sixth Form will reopen to Year 12 and 13 students **Monday 16th November 2020** (unless they are self isolating or unwell).

In the event of a positive case, we are required to take advice from the Department for Education helpline, or one provided by Public Health England. As a school, we always follow this advice to ensure the health and wellbeing of our entire community. We have notified those that have to self-isolate and, thankfully, as a result of the way we are operating currently, alongside our robust Risk Assessments, we have only had to ask selected students to self-isolate.

We continue to work hard to ensure the safety of all our staff and students and I need to reassure you all of that. We must all stick to the advice around the use of face coverings, washing hands, being very aware of our surroundings and health. On return to school we would like to take this opportunity to remind our Sixth Form students of the need to wear their face coverings and social distance especially in the Sixth Form and communal areas.

It is crucial that during the two day closure students continue to access work through our new remote learning site <https://hansonacademyorg.sharepoint.com/sites/RemoteLearning9> If you are unable to access the internet and would prefer a work pack, please do not hesitate to contact us by telephone 01274 776200 stating your child's full name and form group or via email at studentquestions@hansonacademy.org.uk

The school remains open to Year 7, 8, 10 and 11 students and they should continue to attend as normal if they remain well. We have taken steps to properly clean School in line with our risk assessments and medical advice. We know that you may find this concerning, but we are continuing to monitor the situation and are working closely with Public Health England.

What to do if your child develops symptoms of COVID 19

If your child develops symptoms of COVID-19, they must not come to school and should remain at home for at least 14 days from the date when their symptoms appeared. **It is really important that you inform us if your child is unwell, develops symptoms or tests positive.**

Anyone with symptoms will be eligible for testing and this can be arranged via <https://www.nhs.uk/ask-for-a-coronavirus-test> or by calling 119. All other household members who remain well, must stay at home and not leave the house for 14 days. This includes anyone in your 'Support Bubble'.

Further information is available at:

www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-households-with-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection

The 14-day period starts from the day when the first person in the house became ill. Household members should not go to work, school or public areas and exercise should be taken within the home. **Students in isolation should not leave home for the duration of the isolation period.**

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/>

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.

How to stop COVID-19 spreading

There are things you can do to help reduce the risk of you and anyone you live with getting ill with COVID-19

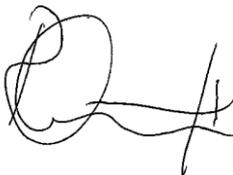
Do

- 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

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

We thank you for your support in these matters. We appreciate your patience, flexibility, and understanding as we work together to promote the health and well-being of our community.

Yours faithfully

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

Richard Woods
Headteacher