

9 November, 2020

Dear Parent/Carer

We have received notice of **one** confirmed case of Covid 19 within our school community.

In the event of a positive case, we are required to take advice from the Department for Education helpline or Public Health England. As a school, we always follow this advice to ensure the health and wellbeing of our entire community.

In dialogue with Public Health England and the Local Authority, it has been determined that **Hanson School will partially close to Year 9 from Monday 9th November 2020**. At this time we are asking our Year 9 students to remain at home and self isolate for precautionary measures for 14 days. **Year 9 will return to school Monday 23rd November 2020**.

This is a very difficult decision to make, but we continue to work hard to ensure the safety of all our staff and students. It is crucial that during this period of self isolation students continue to access work through Show My Homework, Hegarty Maths and GCSEPod. 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 all other year groups. We have taken steps to properly clean School in line with our risk assessments and medical advice. **Year 7, 8, 10, 11, 12 and 13 students should continue to attend as normal if they remain well.** 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.

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.

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

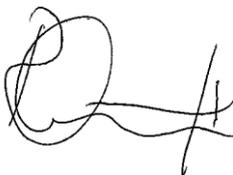
Do

- 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 apologise for the lateness of this communication and 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', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Richard Woods
Headteacher