



Marden High School

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Dear all

I have been in touch with the Health Protection Team at Public Health England today as earlier we have had confirmation that a student has tested positive for COVID-19. We have a rigorous system of controls in place in school, including students operating in 'bubbles', enhanced hygiene, the use of face coverings for everyone moving around the building, and seating plans for every lesson. We are also working closely with the Health Protection Team who have advised that the infectious period in this particular case will have started on Friday last week. Therefore we have been able to effectively identify the contacts the student has had, and their parents/carers have been contacted. They will now be isolating at home and accessing their school work via the Google Classroom environment.

A contact is defined as any person who, during the infectious period, has had any of the following exposures:

- a person who lives with or spends significant time in the same household as a confirmed case of coronavirus (COVID-19).
- Having direct face-to-face contact or direct physical contact with a confirmed case for any length of time
- Being less than 1m from a confirmed case for 1 minute or longer
- Being less than 2m from a confirmed case for more than 15 mins
- Travelling in a small vehicle with a confirmed case

Unfortunately, as we progress through the coming weeks, and society and the work environment opens back up, it is very likely that we will see more cases such as this in our work places. It has therefore been reassuring to see that the process we have in place and the support from the Health Protection Team so far has been good.

Thank you for your continued support and take care.

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