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Dear Parents and Carers

Hope you and your family are safe and well.

Positive COVID-19 case reported in Year 8

I wanted to let you know that there has been a positive case of COVID-19 confirmed this morning in Year 8. Please be reassured that we have followed all government and public health guidance and protocols fully.

As a result, we are confident that we have identified all students who may have come into close contact with the confirmed case in lessons and at social times during the 48 hours before the symptoms started, as per public health advice. The parents/carers of these students have been contacted earlier today. All of these students were also sent home from school earlier today to self-isolate. They will complete a 14 day self-isolation period from the date of their last contact with the confirmed case, as per government guidance. Of course, the name of the student who has tested positive for COVID-19 must remain confidential.

All other students should therefore continue to attend school as normal unless, as outlined in my previous letters:

- They develop symptoms of COVID-19 (a new continuous cough, high temperature and/or a loss of, or change in, normal sense of taste or smell)
- Someone in their household develops symptoms or has tested positive for COVID-19
- They have been advised to isolate by the NHS Test and Trace process

If your child develops any symptoms of COVID-19, they should remain at home and arrangements should be made for him/her to be tested. At that time, all other household members must also stay at home, not go to work, school or public areas, even for exercise. If your child does develop the above symptoms, they must remain at home until a negative test for COVID-19 is received. Please let the school know immediately should your child test positive for COVID-19.

Further information and support is available at nhs.uk/coronavirus.

Thank you for your continued support and many best wishes.

Yours faithfully,

Miss Patterson
Headteacher