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Sunday, September 13

Dear parents and students,

Further to my letter of September 10<sup>th</sup>, you will now be aware that the government has put in place further lockdown restrictions in Birmingham because the rate of infection has doubled in the city within a week to 90.3 cases per 100 000. Those restrictions will take effect from Tuesday, September 15.

I am writing to you today to inform you that yesterday evening we received confirmation of a second positive Covid result from another of our students who told us that there were other positive Covid cases within their household; we wish them all a full and speedy recovery. We have contacted Public Health England (PHE) today and will remain in touch with them over the next few days as they share more advice and guidance with us.

This new positive case is a student in Year 12. Since the start of the current academic year, the whole sixth form (Years 12 and 13) has been in its own 'bubble' and accommodated in the old building, a small number coming across as a 'bubble' for lunch on their own in the canteen area. **Given the spread of the virus across our city and having considered this latest positive case from a student in Year 12, I have decided that all students in both Years 12 and 13 should self isolate at home for fourteen days with immediate effect.** That means that they should not return to school tomorrow (Monday, September 13) but can return on **Monday, September 28.**

We remain in close dialogue with Public Health England (PHE) who are closely monitoring the rate of increase across Birmingham. Should PHE give us any other guidance, we will advise you of that as soon as they arise.

This will mean that currently we have students in both year 11 and our sixth form staying away from school. A frequently asked question has been whether siblings of students in year 11 and/or the sixth form should also isolate. Government guidance makes clear that the siblings of students isolating should still attend school as normal. That is because whilst students isolating are required to do so for fourteen days, they do not as yet show any symptoms of Covid.

**I would therefore ask that parents of pupils in all other year groups (Years 7, 8, 9 and 10) send their children to school as normal tomorrow.**

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Government guidance also makes clear that there is no immediate requirement for your child to be tested unless he/she is displaying the symptoms of COVID:

- A high temperature
- A new continuous cough
- A loss or change to your sense of smell or taste

During this period of self-isolation, **sixth form lessons will continue to take place on-line via Edmodo and Zoom.** They will commence tomorrow (Monday September 13) via Edmodo with arrangements taking place to incorporate Zoom sessions from Tuesday. Sixth formers should know their Edmodo groups but we will repost all of the details on our website on Monday. These lessons will also be recorded but we very much encourage students to attend the lessons 'live' which will allow for communication with the teacher. It is clearly very important that all students currently learning remotely attend all lessons and keep up with their learning during this period of isolation.

The school has always followed government guidance and will continue to engage with Public Health England. The school has ensured that appropriate cleaning protocols have been enacted following these positive cases and we will keep parents informed of any further developments.

Kind regards,

Mr. D. Kearns  
Principal