



nishkamhighschool
birmingham



17th September 2020

Dear Parents/ Carers,

Further to my letter on September 15, I am writing to inform you of a further three positive Covid cases that have been reported to us today involving pupils in years 8, 9 and 10.

In the cases from years 8 and 9, the pupils last attended school on Friday, September 11th and developed symptoms, most particularly a very high temperature, over the weekend. Both families had to wait until yesterday for a test and the positive results were returned today. Consequently, in line with Public Health England guidance, I am asking pupils in the following classes to self-isolate at home from today:

Year 8 Truth
Year 8 Humility
Year 9 Truth
Year 9 Humility

They need to stay at home and return to school on Monday, September 28. Their on-line work will be provided through Edmodo and all pupils have been told their Edmodo codes and that information is available to view on our website in the 'Learning From Home Resources' tab and scroll down to Years 9 and 8.

With regard to the positive case in year 10, it will mean that the whole year group will need to self-isolate for 14 days with effect from yesterday, September 16. That means that Year 10 can return to school on Wednesday September 30th. Their on-line work will be provided through Edmodo and all pupils should know their Edmodo codes but that information is also available to view on our website in the 'Learning From Home Resources' tab and scroll down to Year 10.

We are now all too aware of the increasing number of positive cases in schools, in our city and across the country. Given that the majority of staff and students at Nishkam are of BAME origin and often living with extended family, it has always been my concern that the return to school could see us needing to deal with several positive cases. Clearly, we are in that period now. Despite the cases, the fundamental guidance remains the same: wash hands regularly, wear face coverings inside school but outside of classrooms and maintain the integrity of 'bubbles' and social distancing. In these challenging times, we will turn to our faith for strength and support and also to wish that all affected students and their families recover quickly and fully.

If you do have any concerns or would like to ask a question please do not hesitate to email enquiries.NHSB@nishkamschools.org or call the school office on 0121 348 7660.

Kind regards,

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