



nishkam**high**school
birmingham



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Dear Parents/Carers,

Year 11 students self-isolating

As the second wave of Covid-19 cases overtakes much of the United Kingdom and beyond, we are all able to see the consequences of that increase, namely, that the return to school has been disrupted by the need to self-isolate when positive cases of Covid are identified within the student body.

Yesterday, at the end of the school day, I was informed of another positive test result from a student in Year 11.

Since our own first positive case at Nishkam High School back on September 10th, you will be aware that I have been in constant contact with Public Health England (PHE). In recent days, their advice and guidance has started to change. By that, I mean that whereas earlier in the month the **isolation of whole year group bubbles** was the clear first course of action from PHE, that is no longer automatically the case now. What appears to be of greater significance now is that we, as a school, are able to identify **close contacts** of positive cases and **ensure the isolation of those close contacts only**.

That is why, as a response to this current case, only some of the year group are being asked to self-isolate whilst others can continue to come into school. If your child is required to self-isolate, either Mrs Butler, Mr Deeks, Mr Ruhe, Mrs Wilks or Miss. Voutsinou will have contacted you directly yesterday evening.

Even in these difficult times, it is essential that we all encourage and motivate year 11 students to keep up with their work. Those affected remain in our thoughts and prayers.

Kind Regards,

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