

21<sup>st</sup> October 2020

Dear Parent\Carer of a student in Year 10,

Following our earlier emails and communication, the number of positive Covid-19 test results from within the Year 10 yeargroup bubble currently stands at 12 students. This cluster of confirmed cases has resulted in a large number of students who may have been close, direct contact within the yeargroup. In consultation with Public Health England, the London Coronavirus Response Cell and the Director of Public Health Haringey, we are **now advising all students in the Year 10 bubble to self-isolate for the required period of 14 days**. This means that all Year 10 students need to self-isolate at home until Friday 30th October (which will take them up to the required 14 days since their last potential contact date with an affected student).

We will continue to monitor this situation closely in the coming days ahead of half term next week. If your child remains well at the end of the 14-day period of self-isolation, they then can return to usual activities – including coming back to school. Until that time they need to remain at home and should not venture outside or meet others from outside the household. Other members of your household can continue normal activities provided either they or your child do not develop COVID-19 symptoms within the 14-day self-isolation period.

If your child or a member of your household develops COVID-19 symptoms during the self-isolation period, they should restart self-isolation at home for at least 10 days from the time their symptoms first appeared. If your self-isolating child is – and remains – sufficiently healthy and well enough to do so, they will be able to continue with their school work remotely. They should follow their usual timetable and the usual day's schedule, but their lessons will take place on Google Classrooms. We ask that they register every day before 9:00am. If has any issues with accessing Google Classrooms or other online resources their teachers ask them to visit, please contact [data@hws.haringey.sch.uk](mailto:data@hws.haringey.sch.uk).

We will be putting more information about this on the school website at <https://hws.haringey.sch.uk/2020/09/21/current-news/> very shortly. Should you have any questions or concerns, please email [covid@hws.haringey.sch.uk](mailto:covid@hws.haringey.sch.uk)

Please find below the link to the PHE 'Staying at Home' guidance and further information you may find useful.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-households-with-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection>

Highgate Wood School Student Council supports individual action to address the issues of Climate Change and promotes the United Nations top 10 recommendations.



## Symptoms of COVID 19

The most common symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) are recent onset of:

- new continuous cough and/or
- high temperature and/or
- a loss of, or change in, your normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia)

**For most people, coronavirus (COVID-19) will be a mild illness.**

If your child does develop symptoms, you can seek advice from NHS 111

at <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/check-if-you-have-coronavirus-symptoms/>

or by phoning 111.

**How to stop COVID-19 spreading:** There are things you can do to help reduce the risk of you and anyone you live with getting ill with COVID-19

### Do

- wash your hands with soap and water often – do this for at least 20 seconds
- use hand sanitiser gel if soap and water are not available
- wash your hands as soon as you get home
- cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or your sleeve (not your hands) when you cough or sneeze
- put used tissues in the bin immediately and wash your hands afterwards

## What to do if your child develops symptoms of COVID 19

- If your child develops symptoms of COVID-19, they should remain at home for at least 10 days from the date when their symptoms appeared.
- All other household members who remain well must stay at home and not leave the house for 14 days.  
The 14-day period starts from the day when the first person in the house became ill.
- Household members should not go to work, school or public areas and exercise should be taken within the home.
- Household members staying at home for 14 days will greatly reduce the overall amount of infection the household could pass on to others in the community.
- If you are able, move any vulnerable individuals (such as the elderly and those with underlying health conditions) out of your home, to stay with friends or family for the duration of the home isolation period.

Yours sincerely



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