



9th November 2020

Dear Parents/Carers

Letter regarding COVID-19 – Year 11 to remain at home Tuesday 10th November 2020

We have been notified this evening, via our telephone number for Covid test results, of a confirmed case of Covid-19 within Yr11. A reminder of the telephone number to inform us of a positive test outcome in your household, 07890 319042.

We know that you may find this concerning but we are continuing to monitor the situation and will once again work closely with Public Health England and the DfE when speak with them tomorrow. This letter is to inform you of the current situation and to provide advice on how to support your child. Please be reassured that for most people, coronavirus will be a mild illness.

We have already commenced the track and trace process and will continue tomorrow at school. The students who have been in direct prolonged contact with the confirmed case will receive tomorrow, an individual letter and phone call and will need to stay at home for the duration of the self-isolation period. No school transport routes are affected in this Yr11 case.

As an immediate precautionary measure, **all students in YEAR 11 should learn from home tomorrow (Tuesday 10th Nov 2020) and should not attend school.** Mock Exams will be paused and will recommence as soon as it is possible. Students will receive advance notification of an amended mock schedule, which is likely to follow the same running order, simply put back by the number of days missed.

All remote learning information and advice can be found here:

<https://www.queenelizabeths.derbyshire.sch.uk/covid-19/remote-learning/>

We have recently had 2 other confirmed positive test results for two teaching groups and an affected bus route. Separate letters have been issued to those students directly affected, outlining their self-isolation period. **Teaching groups 8xO, 9xR and students who used the 007 bus route on Monday 2nd and/or Wednesday 4th November:**

- 8xO to return to school on Monday 16th November.
- 9xR to return to school on Monday 16th November.
- 007 Bus students (travelled on 2nd/4th November) to return on Monday 16th November.

We will be issuing further information and updates for Yr11 when we are back in school tomorrow. In the meantime, please remind your children about:

- Mandatory face-coverings once on the school site, in all communal areas
- Washing and sanitising hands at every opportunity
- Keeping socially distanced whenever possible
- Following the instructions of QEGS staff at all times.
- If your children use school transport, of the need to use their designated seat as per the seating plan, for journeys both to and from school. This limits contact with other students and aids our track and trace to minimise the number of students affected.
- We are in a national 4 week lockdown, things are different and we all need to protect each other's health. Households should not be mixing indoors or outdoors. Students should not be socialising outdoors, unless exercising, socially distanced with only one other person.

What to do if your child develops symptoms of Covid 19:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance>

Thank you for your support and cooperation. Once again, please do not contribute or partake in any social media commentary or speculation about this case or any other matters related to this. It can be particularly upsetting for the family affected and we want to ensure that our time and efforts are devoted to keeping your children safe and well educated, whether that be in school or at home.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S Garrity', written in a cursive style.

Mr S Garrity
Headteacher