

19<sup>th</sup> October 2020

Dear Parent/Carer,

**RE: Confirmed Positive Case of COVID-19 at WMG Academy – Close Contact**

Following advice from the Department for Education and Public Health England this morning, we are investigating a single case of COVID-19 within our Academy, which was confirmed today.

**As a precaution we are asking your child to leave the Academy immediately and remain at home until 27<sup>th</sup> October 2020. Please can you email [info@wmgacademy.org.uk](mailto:info@wmgacademy.org.uk) or call 02476 464 661 to confirm that you give consent for your child to leave the Academy immediately.**

Following an internal investigation, your child has been identified as a close contact of the confirmed case and as a result needs to isolate for 14 days since their last contact with the confirmed case. The confirmed case was last present on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> October 2020 and therefore, students must isolate until Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> October.

Students who have been told to self-isolate will be able to return to the Academy after half term on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2020, and at this point in time you do not need to be unduly concerned, however should your son or daughter exhibit any of the following symptoms please book a coronavirus test and keep them and any siblings at home until you receive the result:

- a high temperature – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature);
- a new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or three or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual);
- a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal.

**Online Learning**

Learners will be able to access learning on Google Classroom for each of their lessons from Period 1 on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2020.

Students in Year 10 are expected to join their lessons online via Google Meet. Teachers will be sending students invitations containing the weblink needed to join these lessons. We ask that parents ensure students have access to the necessary equipment to take part in these sessions. If you need IT/technical support to access online learning, please email the Academy via [info@wmgacademy.org.uk](mailto:info@wmgacademy.org.uk).

Directed Study, Enrichment, Intervention and RSHE lessons will not take place online and these will resume when students return during the week of Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2020.

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Similarly, we have had to make some adaptations to the usual day structure to facilitate online lessons:

Onsite [55-minute lessons]		Online [45-minute lessons]	
Period 1	08.30 – 09.25	Period 1	<b>08.30 – 09.15</b>
Period 2	09.25 – 10.20	Period 2	<b>09.30 – 10.15</b>
Break	10.20 – 10.45	Break	
Period 3	10.45 – 11.40	Period 3	<b>10.45 – 11.30</b>
Period 4	11.40 – 12.35	Period 4	<b>11.45 – 12.30</b>
Period 5	12.35 – 13.30	Period 5	<b>12.45 - 13.30</b>
Lunch	13.30 – 14.05	Lunch	
Period 6 (PAS)	14.05 – 14.25	Period 6 (PAS)	
Period 7	14.25 – 15.20	Period 7	<b>14.30 - 15.15</b>
Break*	15.20 – 15.35	Break*	
Period 8*	15.35 – 16.30	Period 8*	<b>15.30 - 16.15</b>

\* Sessions identified with the asterisk do not take place on Monday or Friday

### Next Steps

We realise that this may cause concern, but please be assured that we are doing all we can in line with the guidance we have received to safeguard the wellbeing of staff and students.

If you have any further regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact the Academy's main Reception on 02476 464661 or via email to [info@wmgacademy.org.uk](mailto:info@wmgacademy.org.uk).

Yours faithfully,



Mrs K Tague  
Executive Principal



Mr M Brady  
Associate Principal

### **Public Health England Advice**

Please see the link to: Guidance for contacts of people with confirmed coronavirus (COVID-19) infection who do not live with the person

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-for-contacts-of-people-with-possible-or-confirmed-coronavirus-covid-19-infection-who-do-not-live-with-the-person>

### **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. Anyone with symptoms will be eligible for testing and this can be arranged via <https://www.nhs.uk/ask-for-a-coronavirus-test> or by calling 119 .

All other household members who remain well must stay at home and not leave the house for 14 days. This includes anyone in your 'Support Bubble'.

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. If you require help with buying groceries, other shopping or picking up medication, or walking a dog, you should ask friends or family. Alternatively, you can order your shopping online and medication by phone or online.

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 can, 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

Please see the link to the PHE 'Stay at Home' Guidance:

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

### **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, 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

### **Further Information**

Further information is available at

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>