

5th October 2020

Advice to Parents / Carers of Year 12 and 13 Students – Confirmed case of Covid-19

Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been brought to my attention today, that there has been a further confirmed case of COVID-19 within the school.

The social distancing and other control measures we have put in place in school, mean that this does not directly affect your child. These measures incorporate government and public health guidance. We know that you may find this concerning but we are continuing to monitor the situation and are working closely with Public Health England.

The school remains open; **however due to current levels of staff absence resulting in insufficient staff to cover all classes, we will require all Year 12 and Year 13 students to work at home for the remainder of this week.** We recognise that this is not ideal; however will review the situation daily and give you a further update on Friday 9th October, when we hope the staffing situation will have improved. We will endeavour to return students to lessons in school as soon as it is possible to do so.

Airedale Academy provides all online learning via the Google Classroom Remote Learning Platform. All students should be aware of their Google Classroom log-in and, therefore, should be able to access the work provided via this platform. The work set will appear in the class stream for each subject that your child would have if they were in school and will replicate the hours of learning that they would normally have for a given subject. This will form the basis of the work your child needs to complete over the next three days (Friday 9th October is a scheduled Inset Day and we are closed so no work will be set for this day).

If you are concerned about a lack of suitable devices in the home, or a lack of internet access in the home, please make contact with school via info@airedaleacademy.com

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

As a reminder to all parents/carers, if your child develops symptoms of COVID-19, they must not come to school and 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'. If another member of the household develops symptoms, your child must remain at home for 14 days, or until the person with symptoms receives a negative test result for COVID-19.

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

The 14-day period starts from the day when the first person in the house became ill.

Symptoms

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

- A new continuous cough
- A high temperature
- 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 or anyone in the household 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/>

Thank-you for your continued support in these extremely difficult times.

Yours faithfully,



Miss L Proctor

Principal

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