



Wednesday 1st December 2021

Confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Year 7

Dear Parent/Carer

We now have a number of confirmed cases of COVID-19 in our Year 7. I have spoken with the Worcestershire Local Outbreak Response Team today and their advice is that all students should continue to attend school as normal and we are not required to send any other students home to self-isolate.

In response we are:

- asking all Year 7 students to complete daily Lateral Flow Tests (LFT);
- continue to encourage students to use hand sanitiser and wash their hands as often as possible; and
- asking all Year 7 students to continue to wear a mask whilst moving round the school in line with government guidance.

As a school, we are continuing to be vigilant and are increasing our cleaning schedule including antibacterial fogging across the site.

Please find below the advice we are giving to all students and members of staff regarding the spread of the virus:

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

For most people, especially children, COVID-19 will be a mild illness. The most common symptoms of COVID-19 are recent onset of:

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

If your child develops any of these symptoms of COVID-19, they should take a LFT. Any student with a positive LFT should take a PCR test and stay at home whilst waiting for the test results. If the test is negative and they do not have any symptoms, they can return to school.

Any student who has had a positive PCR test in the last 90 days should not take a LFT or PCR test unless they are symptomatic. This is because the likelihood of the test testing positive is high leading to a false result.

If your child is contacted by Track and Trace and identified as a close contact, they should get a PCR test and stay at home whilst waiting for the test results. If the test is negative and they do not have any symptoms, they can return to school.

If your child has tested positive and they have a sibling in school, then it is advised that the sibling gets a PCR test and stays at home whilst waiting for the test results. If the test is negative and they do not have any symptoms, they can return to school. We ask that for the duration of their positive sibling's isolation, they take daily LFTs.

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:

- wash your hands with soap and water – 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

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Ruth Allen', written in a cursive style.

Ruth Allen