



TDMS

Wednesday 1st December 2021

Confirmed cases of COVID-19 – Year 7

Dear Parent/Carer,

We now have a confirmed outbreak in Year 7. Although the numbers are relatively low at the moment, acting now will stop the outbreak from spreading any further. Having consulted with the Worcestershire Local Outbreak Response Team regarding this matter, they have advised that Year 7 students should now begin daily testing for the next 10 days. From tomorrow, all students in Year 7 should take a daily Lateral Flow Test (LFT) regardless of whether they have symptoms or not. Masks will still need to be used whilst moving round the site, but not in classrooms at this stage, in accordance with the latest government guidance.

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. They should continue to do daily LFTs.

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.

As a school, we are continuing to be vigilant. Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

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