Lowton Church of England High School

Thursday 10 June 2021

Dear parents and carers

Positive COVID-19 case impacting on a small group of students mainly in Year 8.

As you are aware we sent your child home from school today due to a positive COVID-19 case being reported to us following a lateral flow test completed on Wednesday evening.

In line with the current health protection guidance that person now needs to take an NHS PCR test to confirm if they are COVID-19 positive. If the outcome of the PCR test is positive, your child will need to self-isolate for 10 days. If the outcome of the PCR test is negative, you will be contacted and your child will be able to come back to school on Monday 14th June.

In total, 43 students have been identified as a 'close contact' and so there is a *risk* your child has come into contact with a COVID-19 positive case in the last few days. **It does not mean they have COVID-19.**

Sending them home is **a precautionary measure** following advice from Wigan Health Protection and in line with advice from Public Health England. We isolated them in school until we were able to confirm with you their safe travel home. I appreciate this was done at short notice and appreciate the support you have given in helping us do this safely.

We have given your child a COVID-19 test kit, please use the test kit today to complete a lateral flow test. Please report the result to school using this link, even it is a negative result:

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=LdOOSQm98kiE5idValT7B-c_scM5nqlDrd-cD-rQz_RURFgwV01FRU9GRU1CMURWV1pVODc1QVdKVC4u

To be clear on what you need to do as parents\carers:

- Test your child immediately, using the COVID-19 test kit supplied by school (unless they are exempt).
- Your child must immediately self-isolate and not mix with other people outside your household.
- If you develop symptoms you should ring 119 to arrange a test immediately.
- As parents\carers, you do not need to self-isolate unless you or your child develops symptoms.
- Inform school about the result of your child's test even if it is negative via <u>https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=LdOOSQm98kiE5idValT7B-c_scM5nqlDrd-cD-rQz_RURFgwV01FRU9GRU1CMURWV1pVODc1QVdKVC4u</u>

What work will my child complete?

From Friday morning, work will be set on Satchel-One. Your child should follow their normal school timetable to complete their work and submit any work via Satchel-One.

Thank you for your understanding and support. If you are unclear about any aspect of this letter, please get in touch.

Yours faithfully

Kieran Larkin Headteacher

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