



Friday 25 June 2021

Dear parents and carers

## **Positive COVID-19 case impacting a group of students only in Year 8.**

As you will be aware, at the end of today we told your child that they would need to immediately isolate due to a positive COVID-19 case being identified in the year group.

As the PCR test outcome came through during the day and the contact tracing had to be completed this afternoon, it was not possible on this occasion to send your child home during the school day as is normally the case.

The first symptoms of the positive case have been traced back to earlier in the week. The child that has tested positive has not been in school for most of the week.

This means your child needs to immediately isolate after getting home from school today until the end of Friday 2 July. This is because the '10-day isolation' period is not dated from today, but their last day of contact with the positive case.

This means your child must not go out or meet up with any friends inside or outside your home.

Your child should return to school on **Monday 5 July**.

It does not mean your child has 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 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: [testresult@lowtonhs.wigan.sch.uk](mailto:testresult@lowtonhs.wigan.sch.uk)

### **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).
- Book a PCR test for this weekend. You are also entitled to book at test in the current context of variants of concern in circulation.
- 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 [testresult@lowtonhs.wigan.sch.uk](mailto:testresult@lowtonhs.wigan.sch.uk)

### **What work will my child complete?**

Work will be set on SatchelOne. Your child should follow their normal school timetable to complete their work and submit any work via SatchelOne.

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

Yours faithfully,

**Kieran Larkin**

Headteacher

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