



Monday 14 June 2021

Dear parent/carer

Positive COVID-19 case impacting on a small group of students in Year 9.

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

In line with the current health protection guidance that person now needs to take an NHS PCR test to confirm that they are COVID-19 positive. If the outcome of the PCR test is positive, your child will need to self-isolate for 10 days. **The end of the self-isolation period is likely to be the end of Thursday 24 June and your child will return to school on Friday 25 June.**

If the outcome of the PCR test is negative, your child will be back in school sooner. We will contact you again if the self-isolation period changes.

As your child has been identified as a 'close contact' 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 testresult@lowtonhs.wigan.sch.uk even if it is a negative result.

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 testresult@lowtonhs.wigan.sch.uk.

What work will my child complete?

Work is available 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 of this letter, please get in touch.

Yours faithfully
Kieran Larkin
Headteacher

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