

Saturday 7 November 2020

Dear all Year 9 parents and carers

## **Positive COVID-19 case affecting Year 9.**

We have been made aware of a positive COVID-19 case that affects Year 9. As we have been notified over the weekend it not possible for us to complete our contact tracing in full until Monday.

Therefore, as a precautionary measure in the first instance:

- All Year 9 students should immediately self isolate.
- Year 9 will not be in school on Monday 9 November.
- We will be in touch again on Monday 9 November to advise you of the outcome of our contact tracing.

We will do our best to get planned lessons onto Satchel-One for Monday morning but as we are notifying staff over the weekend this could be difficult.

## **To be clear on what you need to do as parents:**

- Your child in Year 9 must immediately self-isolate and not mix with other people outside your household.
- They do not need to get tested unless they develop Covid symptoms.
- If your child develops symptoms you should ring 119 to arrange a test immediately.
- As parents, you do not need to self-isolate unless you or your child develops symptoms.

## **What should I do if my child develops Covid-related symptoms?**

If your child becomes unwell with a new continuous cough, a high temperature or has a loss of, or change in their normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia), please follow government guidance and book a test. Please inform the school if your child tests positive. You can email us via [testresult@lowtonhs.wigan.sch.uk](mailto:testresult@lowtonhs.wigan.sch.uk)

Please do not wait until reception opens to contact us.

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

We will do our best to set work via Satchel-One for first thing Monday. Students will be following their usual timetable. Lessons will be recorded accessed via Satchel-One. Your child will watch the lesson and complete the activities outlined in the recording.

Pupils will be expected to submit work to their teacher each lesson via Satchel-One in the same way that they would submit their homework. If your child does not have access to ICT equipment or does not have access to the Internet, please contact us and we will support your child with work.

**CARING, LEARNING AND SUCCEEDING**

**What happens if my child accesses free school meals?**

School will provide vouchers if your child is entitled to free school meals. We will send out information to you regarding this early next week where relevant.

We fully appreciate the short notice of this and how disruptive this is for your child and family. I hope that you understand that we are acting as quickly as we are able. I will be in touch again on

Monday with more information on the outcome of our contact tracing.

Yours faithfully

**Kieran Larkin**  
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