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Dear Parents/Carers of Y10 students

**ADVICE FOR Y10'S TO SELF-ISOLATE FOR 10 DAYS**

We have been made aware that there has been 6 confirmed positive cases of Coronavirus (COVID-19) in Y10.

We have followed the national guidance and, following a risk assessment with Public Health England (PHE) advisers, have identified that as your son is in the same “bubble” with the students who have had a positive test result for coronavirus (COVID-19) and in line with the national guidance, your son must stay at home and self-isolate until Thursday 6 May 2021.

Please continue to regularly use the Lateral Flow Test kits at home and be advised that any positive result will require you to have a PCR test at a Covid Test Site within 48 hours. **People who do not have symptoms or have not tested positive using a Lateral Flow Device should not request a PCR test** unless this has been specifically requested by Public Health England or the local authority. Please let the school know if you require further kits or click on the link attached for further information on where you can collect them. [Find where to get rapid lateral flow tests - NHS \(test-and-trace.nhs.uk\)](https://www.test-and-trace.nhs.uk)

As a way of protecting the College community, we are asking that all Y10's attend school on Friday 7 May 2021 for a Lateral Flow Test. Students can go straight home after their test. If you have not already given consent for your son to be tested please contact [reception@ktc-tkat.org](mailto:reception@ktc-tkat.org). Students will only be tested if parental consent has been given.

Please see below for timings:-

9.35am to 10.35am	10RHe and 10MWa
10.45am to 11.45am	10EC and 10JU

If your son is well at the end of the 10-day period of self-isolation, then he can return to his usual activities and attend school from **Monday 10 May 2021**. Please be advised that **all** Y10 students will be expected back into school for face to face teaching. This includes those students whose parents have not consented to their son having a Lateral Flow Test.

Similar to what we had in place before the Christmas break, Y10 will from tomorrow, revert to remote learning in the form of live “Google” lessons. They should follow their timetable and log on as normal. If your son cannot attend live lessons, please follow the absence procedure and let the school know. Students will be monitored and parents contacted if they do not attend their lessons.

Other members of your household can continue normal activities, provided your child does not develop symptoms within the 10-day self-isolation period.

For more information, please see the guidance for contacts of people with confirmed coronavirus (COVID-19) infection who do not live with the person: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-for-contacts-of-people-with-possible-or-confirmed-coronavirus-covid-19-infection-who-do-not-live-with-the-person>

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## **What to do if your child develops symptoms of coronavirus (COVID 19)**

Having been identified as a close contact, if your child then develops symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19), they should remain at home for at least 10 days from the date when their symptoms appeared. Symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) are a new, continuous cough, or a high temperature, or a loss of, or change in, their normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia). Anyone with symptoms will be eligible for a PCR test - this is the type of test that is normally available and can be arranged via <https://www.nhs.uk/ask-for-a-coronavirus-test> or by calling 119.

All other household members who remain well must stay at home and not leave the house for 10 days. This includes anyone in your 'Support Bubble'. The household isolation period includes the day the first person in your household's symptoms started (or the day their test was taken if they did not have symptoms) and the next 10 full days. This means that if, for example, your 10-day isolation period starts on the 15th of the month, your isolation period ends at 23:59 hrs on the 25th and you can return to your normal routine.

Household members should not go to work, school or public areas, and exercise should be taken within the home. If you require help with buying groceries, other shopping or picking up medication, or walking a dog, you should ask friends or family. Alternatively, you can order your shopping online and medication by phone or online.

Household members staying at home for 10 days will greatly reduce the overall amount of infection the household could pass on to others in the community.

If you are able, move any vulnerable individuals (such as the elderly and those with underlying health conditions) out of your home, to stay with friends or family for the duration of the home isolation period. If that is not possible, anyone with symptoms should try and stay as far away as possible from vulnerable members of your household.

For more information, please read PHE's 'Stay at Home' guidance:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-households-with-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection>

## **For most people, coronavirus (COVID-19) will be a mild illness.**

If your child does develop symptoms, you can seek advice from the nhs.uk website at <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/check-if-you-have-coronavirus-symptoms/>. If you are concerned about your child's symptoms, or they are worsening you can seek advice from NHS 111 at <https://111.nhs.uk/> or by phoning 111.

## **How to stop coronavirus (COVID-19) spreading?**

There are things you can do to help reduce the risk of you and anyone you live with getting ill with coronavirus (COVID-19):

- wash your hands with soap and water often – do this for at least 20 seconds
- use hand sanitiser gel if soap and water are not available
- wash your hands as soon as you get home
- cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or your sleeve (not your hands) when you cough or sneeze
- put used tissues in the bin immediately and wash your hands afterwards

## **Further Information**

Further information is available at <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

As always, thank you for your support, keep safe and remain well.

Yours faithfully



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