

EEMSept2020/Closure Y8/jf

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Dear Parent / Carer

Advice for Child to Self-Isolate for 14 days

We have a significant number of Year 8 learners already self-isolating and also a number of staff absences, therefore, we have taken the difficult decision following advice from Public Health England for the Year 8 learners to work at home from Monday 30 November. Learners will return to school on **Monday 14 December 2020**.

Attached is a guide for accessing distance learning. As we have had to close the Year 8 bubble your child will need to access Microsoft TEAMS.

We have followed the national guidance and, following a risk assessment, we have made this difficult decision. We are asking your child to do this to reduce the further spread of Coronavirus (Covid-19) to others in the community.

Other members of your household can continue normal activities, provided your child does not develop symptoms within the 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>.

What to do if your child develops symptoms of Coronavirus (Covid-19):

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 testing and this can be arranged via <https://www.nhs.uk/ask-for-a-coronavirus-test> or by calling 111. You must also inform the academy if your child tests positive for Covid-19.

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> 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 is available at:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

Yours faithfully

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