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FOR PARENTS OF YEAR 9 BUBBLE AT THE TELFORD PRIORY SCHOOL

Advice for child to self-isolate

Dear Parent / Carer,

We have been made aware that we have a confirmed positive case of coronavirus (COVID-19) at The Telford Priory School.

We have followed the national guidance and have identified that your child has been in close contact with the affected child. In line with the national guidance your child must stay at home and self-isolate until Sunday 6th December. **Your child can return to school as normal on Monday 7th December 2020.**

We endeavour to make a decision and take action regarding any bubble closure within one hour of being informed of a positive case in our school.

The isolation period is calculated as 14 days from the last possible contact in the school. There is sometimes a delay in the school being informed of a positive case, and this does affect the bubble closure period. If the positive child has not been in school for several days prior to a positive result, this will mean the isolation period may not appear to meet the 14 day criteria above. Please rest assured that all closure times have been calculated carefully.

If your child is well at the end of the period of self-isolation, then they can return to usual activities.

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

Please see the link to: 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 COVID 19

If your child develops symptoms of COVID-19, they should remain at home for at least 10 days from the date when their symptoms appeared. 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 119.

People who do not have symptoms should not request a test unless this has been specifically requested by Public Health England or the local authority.

All other household members who remain well must stay at home and not leave the house for 14 days. This includes anyone in your 'Support Bubble'.

The 14-day period starts from the day when the first person in the house became ill.

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 14 days will greatly reduce the overall amount of infection the household could pass on to others in the community



If you are able can, 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

Please see the link below to the PHE '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>

Symptoms of COVID 19

The most common symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) are recent onset of:

- new continuous cough and/or
- high temperature and/or
- a loss of, or change in, normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia)

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 COVID-19 spreading

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

Do

- 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/>

Remote Learning

Whilst it is unfortunate that we are having to close this bubble, there is good quality, appropriate remote education made available to all students which is in line with the work they would have done in school. It is vital this work is done as these days at home are **NOT** additional holiday. They are school days in which the learning and work is done remotely. If students do not complete the work during the closure, they will be expected to do so on their return in after school sessions.

As you know from previous communication, online remote learning is set using Microsoft Teams. Microsoft Teams can be accessed on computers, laptops, tablets and mobile devices. This programme can be accessed on the **office.com** website, with students signing in using their **TAW email address and password**. Students log in to computers several times a week at school and so know their email address and password. However, if you encounter any ICT difficulties, please contact TPS.ICT@taw.org.uk.

Further guidance regarding how to access Teams is available in the guidance document that was sent out during the second week of term and it is also available on the **school website**.

Your son/daughter will automatically have access to a Microsoft Team for each of their subjects. Within the Team, there will be assignments set for each subject following the timetable below, in line with the work they would have been completing in school. We advise that students follow the schedule below to ensure they keep up with their studies. These assignments will follow the same structure, except in the case of Maths, which will be done through Complete Maths. Again, students have been given logins and passwords for this. We believe this consistency will make the work easier to access and complete. It is essential that this work is completed to a high standard in a timely fashion.

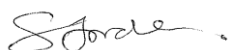
If we have been informed that your child does not have a device that he/she can use to complete remote learning *effectively*, we have arranged for him/her to borrow a laptop. We want ALL students to complete the work online. If you or your child have not let us know that you do not have a device which can be used to complete the quantity of RL (see below) to a high standard, please let Mrs Storer-Young know ASAP – Vicky.storeryoung@taw.org.uk. Whilst some of the work could be done on a smart phone, we do not believe it is viable to do it all in this way.

If your child prefers to hand write work, he/she can do so by following the assignment on Teams and completing work on paper. He/she should then upload a photograph of the work to Teams.

| YEAR 9 | 08:45 – 09:00 | 09:00 – 10:45 Session 1 | 10:45 – 11:15 | 11:15 – 13:00 Session 2 | 13:00 – 13:30 | 13:30 - 15.15 Session 3 |
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| Monday | Preparing for learning: -equipment -login -check emails -check assignments | Maths | Break | English | Lunch | Science |
| Tuesday | | Block B Option | | Hums/Languages | | Block A Option |
| Wednesday | | Science | | Block C Option | | Hums/Languages |
| Thursday | | English | | Block A Option | | Block B Option |
| Friday | | Maths* | | Block C Option | | Core PE/Global Citizenship |

Thank you for your continued support during these times.

Yours faithfully,



Stacey Jordan
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