

Dear Parents and Carers,

25<sup>th</sup> May 2021

Re: COVID 19 Important Update and Reminder

Over the weekend we were notified of two potential cases of COVID-19 within Year 10, one of these has since been confirmed by more accurate PCR tests (the other is still pending).

You will be pleased to know that those infected are only showing mild symptoms, all close contacts have been informed and they are safely self-isolating. We do not have information on which strain it is.

To allow the best possible balance between safety, quality of education and pastoral care we have moved Year 10 to virtual lessons for the last few days of term. Year 10 students who were not required to self-isolate have been given the option to access online learning from school.

Additionally, today we have been given updated guidance from MK Public Health who have recommended that we **return to requiring students to wear face coverings in school from Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> May**. This will be reviewed on a weekly basis.

Students self-isolating have also today been advised to take a PCR test; they have received a more detailed letter about this.

It is an important reminder that we must all continue to regularly self-test at home. All positive results should be immediately reported to us via 07387 064221. The student should isolate, and a PCR test should be booked to confirm the result - <https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test>

If you, or any of your household are displaying symptoms it is important to protect yourselves, and the wider community, by immediately self-isolating and booking a PCR test.

We would like to strongly encourage anyone eligible for a vaccine to book it at <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/coronavirus-vaccination/book-coronavirus-vaccination/>

Our greatest strength as a community is the way in which we pull together, support each other, and adapt when faced with challenges and opportunities.

Thank you for playing your part, it is deeply appreciated.

Mr Nelson