

6<sup>th</sup> July 2021

Dear Parents & Carers,

## **COVID-19 Isolation Update**

I am writing to advise that a Year 7 student has tested positive from a lateral flow test this morning. This student has been asked to undertake a standard PCR test to confirm if they are positive or not, and asked to self-isolate for 10 days. If their PCR test comes back negative then they will be allowed to return to school.

We contacted Norfolk Outbreak Management Team and they advised that any student who was in close proximity to this student yesterday (Monday 5<sup>th</sup> July) must self-isolate for 10 days. The school has identified these students using our track and trace procedures and parents of the children have been contacted separately. If the Year 7 student's PCR test is negative then all these self-isolating students will be contacted and asked to return. The period of isolation finishes on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> July.

Important - If your child is attending the Alton Towers Trip please ensure you are carrying out twice weekly Lateral Flow Tests including on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> July 2021. A requirement from Alton Towers is that all visitors undertake testing and return a negative result as a condition of entry. Students who remain in school on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> should also continue to test regularly.

We know that you may find this concerning but we are continuing to monitor the situation and are working closely with Public Health England. This letter is to inform you of the current situation and provide advice on how to support your child. Please be reassured that for most people, coronavirus (COVID-19) will be a mild illness.

If you have any concerns, questions or need further advice, please contact the school in the usual way.

Using your home testing kit, if your child has a positive lateral flow result or PCR test, please call the school immediately. If the school is closed you can call the school mobile number in the evening and/or at the weekend. This number is 07375 646648 and will be monitored by a duty member of staff. If you leave a message, please ensure you give your child's name and your own contact details.

Remember, if your child receives a positive COVID-19 test it is imperative that you notify the school immediately. Any delay could inadvertently increase the risk for other students, families and staff.

The school continues to remains open and all students, except those we have directly requested to self-isolate, must continue to attend as normal.

Please see our website for all the latest advice and information.

Yours faithfully Craig Jansen Headteacher