6th December 2020

Dear Parents & Carers,

Marshland COVID-19 Update

We have been advised this weekend that our seventh COVID-19 positive case has been confirmed. The Year 8 student had no symptoms and therefore has only been identified as a result of our participation in the national test programme.

We have been advised by the family that their child had a negative COVID-19 result, along with the rest of their family, just a couple of days before their test was completed at school. We understand that COVID-19 testing is not 100% accurate; at present detecting approximately 70% of infections.

Our team has worked hard this weekend to identify those we believe to have been in contact with this student in the last week. We are making contact with the parents of all these students during today (Sunday 6th December) to request that they self-isolate.

We understand from Norfolk County Council that there has been a rise in the number of positive cases across schools in the county.

The day-to-day management of schools throughout the UK, operating with protective measures and responding to staff and students self-isolating, continues to be exceptionally challenging. Our staff are doing an incredibly difficult job. When we receive positive and thankful communications from parents it has really lifted staff. Please also be aware unkind comments placed on social media, can and do, adversely affect staff morale and cause undue worry and concern to vulnerable members of our wider school community. Please think about the consequences of what you may place on social media. We very much appreciate parental understanding, kindness and support for everyone at this trying time.

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

As an additional safety measure to our usual deep cleaning, this weekend we have had all classrooms and high touch surfaces disinfected using ISAN-8 fogging, a safe and natural product that kills over 99.9% of all known pathogens (including COVID-19).

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

As a reminder, you must notify the school immediately if your child has a COVID-19 positive test. During a school day you can phone 01945 584146 and/or email office@marshlandhigh.co.uk

At weekends you can call the school mobile on 07375 646648 which is 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.

You can find all the latest advice and information on our website.

Yours faithfully

Craig Jansen

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