



3rd December 2020

Dear Parents & Carers,

Important Update – COVID-19

In the last two weeks our school has had five confirmed positive cases of COVID-19 reported.

One of these has been in Year 7. This student had no symptoms but was identified because our school has signed up to the national testing programme, currently being trialled in 150 schools. We have had one confirmed positive case in Year 9, and three positive cases in Year 10, one of which was confirmed this evening.

Due to the three Year 10 confirmed cases, we have taken the decision to ask all Year 10 students that have been in school this week to self-isolate up to and including Friday 18th December 2020. This means they will now return to school on Monday 4th January 2021. These Year 10 students will receive a call this evening from one of our team and a separate letter confirming the period of their isolation. We have taken this decision as a precautionary measure, to act as a 'circuit-break', and prevent any possible spread of this virus within the year bubble.

We currently have approximately 50 Year 10 students self-isolating who have therefore not been in school this week. They will be able to safely return to school on the date advised, with many returning tomorrow, as there will not be any cross-over between the different Year 10 student groups.

We thank the many parents that have sent supportive messages acknowledging the challenging circumstances the school faces, whilst recognising and showing appreciation for the way we continue to manage this situation.

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

Your child's safety, alongside the safety of our wider school community, continues to be our main priority whilst delivering your child's right to an education. This has meant my team of staff working weekends and late into the evenings to ensure our timely response to any COVID-19 positive case, especially keeping our parents informed. As an additional measure all parts of the school will be deep-cleaned over this coming weekend.

Your understanding and kindness at this time, in working with us, is very much appreciated.

As a reminder, can I please request that you 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

Headteacher