



Monday 12th October 2020

UPDATE of Year 10 bubble self-isolation

Dear Parents and Carers of Year 10,

Thank you to you and your children for your incredible support with the self-isolation of Year 10 today. It has been heartening indeed to read messages of support and understanding of the steps schools must take in these circumstances and of the challenges that the weekend presented us with.

Today the team and I have spoken to Public Health England South East (who are only available for contact during the week), having taken guidance from the DfE helpline over the weekend. We have also continued to communicate thoroughly with the student and their family, who have been incredibly helpful with our investigation; we are now extremely pleased to be in a position where we will be able to invite some of our Year 10 students back to Noadswood from Wednesday morning who do not fall into the government criteria as having been a 'close contact' of the confirmed case having established this as securely as you deserve us to, with all the best advice that there is available in place.



To remind you, a 'contact' is a person who has been close to someone who has tested positive for COVID-19 anytime from 2 days before the person was symptomatic up to 10 days from onset of symptoms (this is when they are infectious to others). For example, a contact can be:

- people who spend significant time in the same household as a person who has tested positive for COVID-19
- a person who has had face-to-face contact (within one metre), with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19, including:
 - being coughed on
 - having a face-to-face conversation within one metre
 - having skin-to-skin physical contact, or



- contact within one metre for one minute or longer without face-to-face contact
- a person who has been within 2 metres of someone who has tested positive for COVID-19 for more than 15 minutes
- a person who has travelled in a small vehicle with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19 or in a large vehicle or plane near someone who has tested positive for COVID-19

Tomorrow (Tuesday), our live lesson provision will continue as it did today, and we are so proud of all of our students who engaged with the all of the lessons so brilliantly today.



Throughout Tuesday we will be contacting, by ePraise and telephone the families of those students who need to remain self-isolating as it has been confirmed that they were a 'close contact' to the positive Covid-19 case. We will also communicate with them about the remote learning they will be able to access whilst continuing to self-isolate.

We will also be issuing detailed information to you all.

With our best wishes,

Kathryn Marshall and the Noadswood Leadership Team