

21st June 2021

Dear Parent/Carer,

On 21st June 2021 we were notified of a positive case of coronavirus for a Year 9 student who was last in the academy on Friday 18th June 2021.

We liaised immediately with Public Health England (PHE) and carried out a risk assessment of this situation. We have now been advised by them of what actions to take in this matter.

Your child has been in contact with the positive case.

Your child now needs to self-isolate until Thursday 1st July and they can return to school on Thursday 1st July.

If they have no symptoms by Thursday 1st July they can return to the academy. If they show any classic covid symptoms during this time they need to get tested with a PCR test and anyone in their household would need to self-isolate as well (this can stop if the PCR test comes back negative). Classic covid symptoms are a constant cough, high temperate and loss of taste or smell.

The risk assessment we have completed with Public Health England (PHE) found that our procedures and processes were thorough and compliant. This includes that classrooms are adequately spaced and ventilated with students seated in line with our risk assessment. However, as a precaution we have increased cleaning around the academy and we are ensuring that students continue to sanitise throughout the academy building. If Public Health have any further updates for you regarding this case, then we will be in touch.

At all times staff members were socially distanced from students and were wearing face coverings in communal areas.

Should you or your child want to discuss any concerns further with the academy please contact reception on 0121 568 3300 who will take details for someone to call you back. Public Health Walsall's on call number is 01922 658065 if parents wish to discuss this with the team who have been working with the academy.

We would thank you for your co-operation and understanding during this time.

Yours sincerely,

Julie Anstey
Associate Principal