

20<sup>th</sup> October 2020

### **Positive Case of Covid-19 in Marriotts School**

Dear Parents/Carers,

We have been advised by that there has been a confirmed case of COVID-19 within the school.

The School is following the national guidance and liaising with the relevant external bodies. The school has advised our **Year 9 cohort** (bubble) to self-isolate for **today** whilst we work with Public Health England to identify any students or staff members who have been in close contact with the affected Year 9 student. I will update you later today to let you know once we have identified which Year 9 students will be required to self-isolate for the full 14 days.

**All of the year groups (7,8,10,11, 12,13) should attend school as normal today.**

I will keep you updated throughout the day.

I 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. Please be reassured that for most people, coronavirus (COVID-19) will be a mild illness.

Students in Year 9 and any staff who have been in direct prolonged contact with the confirmed case will have received an individual letter following our identification process later today and will stay at home for 14 days. It is unlikely that the whole Year 9 will be required to self-isolate for the full 14 days.

The school remains open and your child should continue to attend if they remain well.

### **What to do if your child develops symptoms of COVID 19**

If your child develops symptoms of COVID-19, they must not come to school and should remain at home for at least **10 days** from the date when their symptoms appeared. Anyone with symptoms will be eligible for testing and this can be arranged via <https://www.nhs.uk/ask-for-a-coronavirus-test> or by calling 119.

All other household members who remain well, must stay at home and not leave the house for 14 days. This includes anyone in your 'Support Bubble'.



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Further information is available at: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-households-with-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection>

The 14-day period starts from the day when the first person in the house became ill. Household members should not go to work, school or public areas and exercise should be taken within the home.

If you require help with buying groceries, other shopping or picking up medication, or walking a dog, you should ask friends or family. Alternatively, you can order your shopping online and medication by phone or online.

Household members staying at home for 14 days will greatly reduce the overall amount of infection the household could pass on to others in the community

If you are able, move any vulnerable individuals (such as the elderly and those with underlying health conditions) out of your home, to stay with friends or family for the duration of the home isolation period.

### **Symptoms**

The most common symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) are recent onset of:

- a new continuous cough
- a high temperature
- a loss of, or change in, your normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia)

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If your child or anyone in the household does develop symptoms, you can seek advice from NHS 111 at <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/check-if-you-have-coronavirus-symptoms/> or by phoning 111.

### **How to stop COVID-19 spreading**

There are things you can do to help reduce the risk of you and anyone you live with getting ill with COVID-19

*Do*

- wash your hands with soap and water often – do this for at least 20 seconds
- use hand sanitiser gel if soap and water are not available
- wash your hands as soon as you get home
- cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or your sleeve (not your hands) when you cough or sneeze
- put used tissues in the bin immediately and wash your hands afterwards

### **Further Information**

Further information is available at <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

If you have any queries regarding this letter, please contact the Headteacher [b.honnor@marriotts.herts.sch.uk](mailto:b.honnor@marriotts.herts.sch.uk) and copy in her PA [i.pisano@marriotts.herts.sch.uk](mailto:i.pisano@marriotts.herts.sch.uk)

*Aim high. Work hard. Be kind.*

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Thank you for your support and understanding.

Yours sincerely

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