



10th May 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

Important Information regarding a Positive Coronavirus Case in School

On Sunday evening we were informed that a student in year 8 had tested positive for Coronavirus following a PCR test. We used our tracing system to identify all students who had been in close contact with the positive case within 48 hours and telephoned all the families to inform them of the need for their child to isolate.

The student who has tested positive travelled on the school bus 55B on Thursday and Friday. Sunday evening we sent a text to ask all students travelling on that bus to stay at home today while we took further advice on bus travel. I have now been instructed by the Department for Education that all students who travelled on bus 55B during these journeys must now isolate for ten days. We are making telephone contact with all families affected.

As the last contact with the positive case happened on Friday 7th May, close contacts and those sharing the bus must now isolate for ten days which means that if they remain symptom free they should return to school on Monday 17th May. While all members of the household remain symptom free only the child who has had contact with the positive case needs to isolate, no other household members are required to isolate.

I understand this is a difficult situation for many families and I appreciate you will be concerned about a period of isolation, following the lockdown closure earlier in the year. I have taken advice from both the Norfolk Outbreak Team and the Department for Education and we are following their instructions. Teachers will be asked to provide work for those students isolating at home via the google classrooms.

Thank you for the supportive response we have received from our telephone calls and for the prompt action taken following our text message. Further details about Coronavirus symptoms and isolation periods can be found on the NHS website, but if you do have any queries please do not hesitate to contact us, either by telephone or via office@stclementshigh.org.uk.

Yours sincerely,

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