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FOR PARENTS/CARERS OF CLOSE CONTACTS OF COVID-19 AT CARLETON HIGH SCHOOL

Advice for Child to Self-Isolate

Dear Parent/Carer,

It has been brought to our attention today, Friday, 9 October 2020 that there has been a confirmed case of COVID-19 within the school.

We have followed the national guidance, after being in contact with Public Health England and have identified that your child could be classed as being a 'contact' with the affected child. This is due to their potential proximity to them. **This means in line with the national guidance we recommend that your child now stay at home and self-isolate until Monday, 19 October 2020 (14 days after contact). This means your child will return to school as normal on Tuesday, 20 October 2020.**

We are asking you to do this to reduce the further spread of COVID-19 to others in the community.

If your child is well at the end of the 14 days period (after contact) of self-isolation, then they can return to usual activities.

Other members of your household can continue normal activities provided your child does not develop symptoms within the 14 day self-isolation period. This includes any siblings that may attend Carleton High School in a different year group.

Please see the link to: Guidance for contacts of people with confirmed coronavirus (COVID-19) infection who do not live with the person

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-for-contacts-of-people-with-possible-or-confirmed-coronavirus-covid-19-infection-who-do-not-live-with-the-person>

Live Online Learning

As we communicated prior to schools reopening, we have a thorough contingency in place to ensure we can continue education for any students in this situation. **Your child will continue their normal timetable from, Monday, 12 October 2020.** All lessons will be delivered online and we have made them fully aware of how to access this prior to them leaving site today.

In most cases, lessons will be delivered by the teachers they would usually have and key details and information is provided below:

- All live, online lessons will run at the usual timetabled time, apart from Core PE. Tutor Group sessions will also run from 9am daily and it is expected that students are present and logged on from this time. All students have checked their Google Classroom logins before they have left school today and had a refresher demonstration on Show My Homework and Google Classroom.
- Once students have joined the online classroom for each of their lessons, they will be able to access their live, online lesson at the normal, timetabled time. Students should do this by clicking on the "Meet" link, which can be found in the header on each individual classroom page. Please note, the "Meet" link will only be available when the lesson is due to start, so students should wait for this to appear at the allotted time. Core PE will not be running live, online lessons but will be putting additional tasks on Show My Homework for students to attempt.
- All Year 8 live, online lessons will last for approximately 45 minutes. Teachers will introduce a task which students should complete during the remainder of the lesson. Individual class teachers will explain to students how and when this task should be submitted. The lesson PowerPoint and resources will be placed on the Google Classroom when the lesson has finished.
- Additional support on how to log on to Google Classroom can be found on the Home Learning page of the website, including a "How to" guide for online lessons.

<https://carletonhigh.patrust.org.uk/home-learning/>

What to do if your child develops symptoms of COVID-19

If your child develops symptoms of COVID-19, they 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'.

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

Please see the link to the PHE 'Stay at Home' Guidance:

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

Symptoms of COVID-19

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

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

For most people, coronavirus (COVID-19) will be a mild illness.

If your child 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/>

Yours faithfully,



Mrs J Cross
Headteacher