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8th October 2020

Dear Students, Parents and Carers,

You will be aware that I had to close the sixth form to Year 12 and 13 students Today on the advice of the Local Health Protection Officer for Cheshire East and Public Health England. This was due to us being notified at 8am this morning that a student in Year 13 had tested positive for Coronavirus, having last been in BL6 on Monday 5th October 2020. Years 12 and 13 operate as a single bubble of students contained within BL6, particularly during break and lunch. This is why we need to take the same action with both year groups at the same time.

This morning, we have been identifying and contacting those who could be considered to be a close contact of the person concerned. This is done using the Public Health England checklist and is:

- Those who have spent more than 15 minutes within 2m of a confirmed case
- Those who have spent more than 1 minute within 1m of a confirmed case
- Those who have been coughed on by a confirmed case
- Those who have travelled in a small vehicle with a confirmed case
- Those who have had physical (skin to skin) contact with a confirmed case

Our first priority has been in identifying and contacting those considered to be close contacts. All of those people have now been contacted. If you have not been contacted, please rest assured that there has not been close contact with a confirmed case of Coronavirus at BL6.

Remote learning is available now for all students in Years 12 and 13 via Microsoft Teams. Tomorrow, live lessons will be available via Microsoft Teams (and/or Zoom) tomorrow as per their normal timetable, dependent upon staff availability from sickness or isolation. The reason that we haven't started live lessons today, is so that the rooms that we need for this can be cleaned and checked in light of today's events.

When we have concluded all elements of the risk assessment regarding this situation and had this verified by Public Health officials, I will communicate the next stage of the plan with you. We are working hard to ensure that as many sixth form students as possible can return to BL6 at the earliest safe opportunity. Those who have been identified as close contacts will not be able to return to BL6 until Tuesday 20th October 2020.

Kind regards

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