



THE ECCLESBOURNE SCHOOL

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Letter regarding COVID-19

Dear Parent/Carer

The school has been notified today that there is a confirmed case of Covid-19 at our school. We are working with Public Health England and the DfE and we are acting on their advice and guidance.

As an immediate precautionary measure, all students in the affected year group, YEAR 7, should remain at home tomorrow and should not attend school. Students who travelled on the 335 bus last week should also stay at home tomorrow until further contact and information from the school is available.

As a consequence of our reorganisation into year group bubbles and the control measures we have in place, the school remains open to other year groups. Students in these cohorts should continue to attend if they remain well. Work will be provided for students who are self-isolating via Show My Homework and, provided your child is fit and well, we expect that this is completed and submitted so that disruption to teaching and learning can be kept to a minimum.

We will now work with PHE to identify those who have been in close contact with the confirmed case and you will receive an individual letter tomorrow if your child will need to stay at home for 14 days. If your child develops symptoms of Covid-19 you should follow the advice contained here:

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

In the meantime, please remind your children of the importance of washing and sanitising hands, socially distancing themselves from others, face-coverings when moving between lessons and following the routines that are in place at school to minimise the risk of infection.

We understand that students, parents and carers will be concerned to hear about an active case in our community. However, we ask that you exercise caution in any discussion or speculation about this case, especially where social media is concerned. This is an upsetting time for the family affected and we want to minimise this for them. Our focus remains on looking after the students and staff of our school and doing all we can to minimise disruption to education.

Yours sincerely

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