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THOMAS ADAMS SIXTH FORM

ADAMS HOUSE (BOARDING)

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Dear Parent/Carer,

We have been advised by Public Health England that there have been confirmed cases of COVID-19 within the school.

We 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 and provide advice on how to support your child. Please be reassured that for most people, coronavirus (COVID-19) will be a mild illness.

The school remains open and your child should continue to attend as normal if they remain well. We encourage household members that are aged 11 and over to continue with **twice weekly LFD** testing to help identify cases promptly. We will continue to provide you with these tests.

If you think your child is a close contact but has not been contacted directly by NHS Test and Trace, please follow the guidance here:

<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/guidance-for-contacts-of-people-with-possible-or-confirmed-coronavirus-covid-19-infection-who-do-not-live-with-the-person#i-think-i-have-had-contact-with-someone-who-has-tested-positive-for-covid-19-but-i-have-not-been-notified-and-advised-to-self-isolate-what-should-i-do>

We do intend to start issuing additional packs of Lateral flow tests to pupils who have been identified as close contacts via our seating plans, we request that, whilst they are symptom free, they test daily for a week.

Other control measures that we will be re-introducing from Monday 20th September:

- We request your support in ensuring your son/daughter has a **mask** with them in school. We **strongly recommend that masks** are worn at all times in **communal areas** (corridors, lunch hall, and assemblies) of school and on school transport
- We will be increasing our on-site **daily cleaning of high contact points**
- We will continue to **socially distance** where possible
- We will enforce more frequent **hand washing and using of hand sanitiser** around the site
- We will continue to follow 'Catch it, Bin it, Kill it'

What to do if your child develops symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) or tests positive for COVID-19:

If your child develops symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19), they should get a PCR test and remain at home until the result is known.



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If negative, the child can return to school as normal.

If the test is positive, the child should isolate until at least 10 days after their symptoms appeared. This isolation period will be extended if they go on to develop symptoms, by counting 10 full days from the day following their symptom onset.

Anyone with symptoms will be eligible for a PCR test (the type of test used to confirm if someone has COVID-19) and this can be arranged via [Get a free PCR test to check if you have coronavirus \(COVID-19\) - GOV.UK](https://www.gov.uk) (www.gov.uk) or by calling 119.

Instructions for people who live in the same household as someone with COVID-19 (tested positive or symptomatic awaiting a test result):

You are not required to self-isolate if you are a contact of, or living with, someone who has tested positive for COVID-19 and any of the following apply:

- you are fully vaccinated
- you are below the age of 18 years 6 months
- you have taken part in or are currently part of an approved COVID-19 vaccine trial
- you are not able to get vaccinated for medical reasons

NHS Test and Trace will contact you to let you know if you have been identified as a contact and check whether you are legally required to self-isolate.

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

Thank you again for your continued support with the management of the challenges we face within our school community.

Yours sincerely



Mark Cooper
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