

Tuesday 10th November 2020

RE: Confirmed case in Year 11

Dear Parents / Carers,

As a follow up to the letter provided by the Public Health England Team detailing the period of self-isolation, I would like to share specific arrangements about the school closure.

Due to a confirmed case in Year 11, we have asked all of Year 11 to self-isolate.

As per guidance from the Department for Education, from **Wednesday 11th November to Friday 20th November 2020**, Year 11 students will be required to complete their education remotely. Providing your son / daughter does not have symptoms, s/he can return to school on Monday 23rd November. Remote education will be carried out using the same method adopted during the previous national lockdown, which is through Microsoft Teams. Not only will staff set work through this platform, but students will also be required to upload their completed work through Microsoft Teams.

If you do not have access to the internet, or a device for your child to work on, please notify us and we will provide paper copies of work, as was the case during closure in the Summer Term.

Online lessons will appear in your son's / daughter's Teams Calendar and will follow your son's / daughter's school timetable. Please note that all online lessons will take place from in accordance with the school's Remote Learning Policy, which is available on our website.

It is essential that your child engages with remote learning during this period of partial closure. If you have any queries about how to manage home learning, please get in touch with your child's House Leader.

Families of students with SEND will be contacted to discuss methods of providing support.

Safeguarding

We have revised and updated our Child Protection and Safeguarding Policy to ensure we can correctly support pupils who are attending school and those learning from home.

You or your child can report a safeguarding concern to the school's designated safeguarding lead, Mrs Robbins, in confidence by contacting them on 01782 729400.

Mental health concerns

During this period, you should be aware of the mental health support available to your child. We have collated the following examples of where additional support can be found:

- <https://northstaffswellbeing.co.uk/>
- Public Health England's (PHE) Every Mind Matters platform

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- MindEd – a free educational resource on children and young people's mental health for all adults
- Rise Above – a website where users can find support and read stories of others.
- Childline – pupils can call or talk online to seek emotional support and advice.
- Kooth – an online wellbeing hub for anyone suffering with their mental health.

If you need to contact the school for any reason, please do not hesitate to do so by emailing covid19@stb.academy or calling 01782 729400 and your call will be directed appropriately.

Thank you for your support and cooperation. Please do not contribute to or partake in any social media commentary or speculation about this case, or any other matters related to this confirmed case. It can be particularly upsetting for the family affected and we want to ensure that our time and efforts are devoted to keeping your children safe and well educated, whether that be in school or at home.

Take care and please stay safe.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J Hingley', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Mrs Jane Hingley

