



25th June 2021

Dear Parents / Carers,

I wish to provide some more detailed information regarding the impact of yesterday's positive coronavirus case on our Y10 cohort. You will, undoubtedly, be concerned about the impact on your son's or daughter's learning, as well as him or her missing the assessments that are currently underway. This letter is to reassure you that contingencies are already in place.

Assessments

During the planning for the assessments, our Exams Officer, Mrs Douglas and I built in contingency plans for two different scenarios due to the likelihood of disruption from coronavirus. Scenario one was designed to be implemented in the event of an isolated case which did not impact on other students. Scenario two, which we are now putting in place, was designed for a case which impacted on a number of students. Students who have been asked to self-isolate will complete all outstanding exams upon their return to school. Any students returning on Friday 2nd July will complete their exams in English Literature and drama on that day and all scheduled exams for Monday 5th and Tuesday 6th July. Students who are due to return on Monday 5th July will complete all exams on that day and Tuesday 6th July. Students will also be issued with a new timetable for any outstanding assessments when they return to school. The students' isolation period provides an opportunity for them to continue preparing for these examinations. If you have any concerns about examinations, please contact Head of Year, Mr Wilson on n.wilson@stokesleyschool.org, or myself on j.darbyshire@stokesleyschool.org.

Continuation of learning

As the rest of Y10 will be continuing to complete their assessments supervised by invigilators, your son / daughter's teachers will be delivering remote lessons and / or work via the Google classroom and google meet. These classrooms can be accessed directly from our school website by logging in using your son / daughter's email address and clicking on the classroom link at the top, the link to the live lesson can be found in the stream of each classroom. Your son / daughter should follow his / her normal lesson and should log in to every lesson except core PE lessons, even if he / she was due to sit an exam at that time. If the students working at home require any assistance with the work, then they can ask during the live lesson, use the stream in google classroom or send an email directly to their teacher who will respond as soon as they possibly can.

If your son / daughter has any issues accessing the lessons or the work, or you don't have the technology available to do so, then please do get in touch. The class teacher or Head of Year is usually the best port of call, but Mr McGreal, Assistant Headteacher, can also help with technology via r.mcgreal@stokesleyschool.org. Technical issues such as logging on can be resolved through our network team who are available at itsupport@stokesleyschool.org.





General enquiries and support

If you require any other general support during this period of isolation and beyond, do not hesitate to get in touch with your son / daughter's tutor and / or Head of Year, Mr Wilson. I am disappointed about the impact on our Y10 cohort that today's case has created, but be assured we will do all we can to minimise the disruption for our students - now and in the coming months.

Lateral Flow Testing

We appreciate that the Y10 students who are isolating won't have been able to bring home their next box of test kits. It may be that some families have another source of lateral flow tests through other workplaces/family members, but if not we can offer the following options:

1. Email office@stokesleyschool.org with your child's name and form and we'll arrange for a test kit and signing sheet to be left at the main reception for collection at a time convenient to you (reception opening times: Monday – Friday 8.30-4.30pm)
2. Test kits are also available for collection from various pharmacies and test sites directly and it may be more convenient for you to collect from there. If you follow the link below it gives information on rapid lateral flow collection sites.

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/testing/regular-rapid-coronavirus-tests-if-you-do-not-have-symptoms/>

Yours faithfully

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