

13th November 2020

Dear Parents,

We have been informed of a single confirmed case of COVID-19 within the year 11 bubble at Frome College.

We know that you may find this concerning but please be reassured that we are continuing to monitor the situation and are working closely with Public Health England. This letter provides advice on how to support your child.

As a precautionary measure to reduce the risk of spreading the virus we have sent the year 11 bubble home to self-isolate. For all other year bubbles the school remains open. Providing your child remains well, they should continue to attend school as normal, including siblings of year 11 students. We will keep this under review.

What to do if your child is in year 11

Year 11 students need to self-isolate, not leave the family home, until they return to College on **Monday 23rd November**. This return date has been provided by Public Health England as it is 14 days from when the positive case last had contact with the year 11 bubble. Other members of the household do not need to self-isolate.

Your child does not require a COVID-19 test unless they develop any symptoms.

Virtual teaching for this year group bubble will commence on Monday 16th November all details will be on FROG. Students should follow their normal lesson timetable if well enough to do so.

Mock exams have been postponed.

What to do if your child develops symptoms of COVID 19

If your child develops symptoms of COVID-19, **you should organise for your child to be tested** via the [NHS online portal](#) or by calling 119. Your household should isolate until you receive a negative test result.

If the test result comes back positive, your child should continue to isolate for at least 10 days after the first symptoms appeared. All other household members must isolate for 14 days: including anyone in your "support bubble". The isolation period starts from the day when the first person in the household displayed symptoms. Please contact Frome College as soon as possible if one of our students receives a confirmed positive test.

Further guidance is available at: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-households-with-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection>



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Symptoms of COVID 19

The most common symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) are recent onset of:

- new continuous cough and/or
- high temperature and/or
- a loss of, or change in, normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia)

How to stop COVID-19 spreading

There are things you can do to help reduce the risk of you and anyone you live with getting ill with COVID-19

Do:

- wash your hands with soap and water often – do this for at least 20 seconds
- use hand sanitiser gel if soap and water are not available
- wash your hands as soon as you get home
- cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or your sleeve (not your hands) when you cough or sneeze
- put used tissues in the bin immediately and wash your hands afterwards

Further Information

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

Yours sincerely



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