

To: All Parents/Carers of Year 7 to Year 13 Students

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Dear Parent/Carer

Re: Positive Covid Case

As you may be aware, close contacts will now be identified via NHS Test and Trace and education settings are no longer expected to undertake contact tracing.

However, as the situation of every child and family is unique, we have taken the decision to keep you informed about positive cases. This should help to allow parents and carers to continue to be vigilant.

Nationally, there has been an increase in Covid cases amongst school age children and the East Riding is no different. We continue to receive notifications of a small number of confirmed cases in each year group, each week, and it is therefore possible that your child will have contact, either during the school day or while travelling to or from school. Please note that this is purely for information; they **do not** need to isolate and **should continue to come to school**.

NHS Test and Trace continue to work with families to identify close contacts and those children who tested positive have entered a period of isolation as per the national guidance. Should your child be identified as a close contact, you will be informed by NHS Track and Trace and should follow instructions from them.

Children who are identified as close contacts of someone with Covid-19 are no longer required to isolate, but they will be advised to get a PCR test. They are also at a higher risk of developing Covid-19 in the days after the contact. They do not need to isolate while they wait for the result, unless they have symptoms.

Your child should continue to attend school **unless they develop symptoms of Covid-19 or are unwell**. If they do develop symptoms, please keep your child at home and book a PCR test for them.

Symptoms of COVID 19

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

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

We have also been informed by the local Public Health team that the most commonly reported symptoms of the Delta variant include headache, sore throat, tiredness, and cold-like symptoms (so please be aware of these as well and seek testing if you are in any doubt).

For most people, coronavirus (Covid-19) will be a mild illness.

If your child does develop symptoms, you can seek advice from the nhs.uk website at <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms/coronavirus-in-children/>. If you are concerned about your child's symptoms, or they are worsening, you can seek advice from NHS 111 at <https://111.nhs.uk/> or by phoning 111.

We will write again to update you if the current situation changes.

Thank you again for your continued support.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R. Williman', with a small mark below it.

Richard Williman
Headteacher