

6 November 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

As you are aware, on Friday 6 November we were made aware that a student in Year 7 had tested positive for COVID-19. The student was last in school on Tuesday 3 November. We have also had two further positive cases reported today, one staff member and a Year 13 student.

I would like to thank you for your response today in collecting your child or giving permission for them to walk home. Your cooperation and patience was much appreciated.

We are continuing to monitor the situation and are working closely with Gloucestershire County Council and 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.

Following consultation with Public Health England and Gloucestershire County Council, all students on the A side of Year 7 must self-isolate at home and work and learn remotely from Monday 9 November to Monday 16 November. Students will be able to return to school on Tuesday 17 November. Students on the Z side of the year group can come to school as normal on Monday.

To identify whether your child is in the A half of the year group, look at your child's timetable or on their class lists on Show My Homework and find the code for their Maths class. Your child is in the A half of the year groups if they are in any of the following maths classes:

- 7A1/Ma, 7A2/Ma, 7A3/Ma, 7A4/Ma, 7A5/Ma

If after checking the timetable you are still unsure which half of the year group your child is in, please email Mr Mann, cmann@klbschool.org.uk

In making this decision we have carefully considered:

- The number of close contacts (students) identified through checking movements of the students and seating plans. A close contact is defined as:
 - Face-to-face conversation or contact within 1 metre for 1 minute
 - Contact within 1 metre for 1 minute or longer without face-to-face contact
 - Contact within 2 metres of someone who has tested positive for more than 15 minutes
- The possibility that your child may have come into contact with the affected student during the day.

This has not been an easy decision as we know how important school attendance and face to face contact with teachers is, however, given the circumstance we believe this is the safest and most appropriate action to take.

We will email you with further information about how students will learn remotely before Monday. Students are already using Show My Homework and they have received guidance on MS Teams which will be used for live lessons over the time that students are at home.

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Thank you for your understanding as we do our very best to stop the spread of COVID-19. We will continue to do everything possible to keep school safe for all students and staff.

I have attached further information regarding COVID-19 and what to do if your child does develop symptoms.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'TR', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Tim Rand
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