

Friday, 12th February 2021

Dear parents and carers

I am writing to inform you that we have received confirmation that a member of our school/residence community has tested positive for COVID-19.

Following government and local authority guidance the affected person and their family have now started their isolation.

We have informed parents and carers of children, and the staff, of the school bubble affected telling them that they need to isolate for 10 days from when they last had contact with the person affected. A letter confirming the telephone contact has also been sent. This is in line with government guidance which came into effect on Monday 14th December 2020.

Due to the number of residence staff having to self-isolate, we have had to make the decision to close the residence over half term. We will re-open to pupils on Monday, 22nd February. We apologise for any inconvenience caused.

I would like to reassure you that our school is very careful to make sure everyone follows government and local authority guidance for cleaning and social distancing.

Should any member of your household start to get symptoms of COVID-19 please arrange to get them tested and inform the school immediately by emailing Alison.hall@kingsmill.eriding.net.

The main symptoms of COVID-19 include:

- **a high temperature** – this means they may feel hot to touch on their chest or back (you do not need to take their temperature with a thermometer)
- **a new, continuous cough** – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if they usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- **a loss or change to their sense of smell or taste** – this means they may tell you that they cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different.

To book a free COVID-19 test, visit the NHS website or phone the NHS on 119:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/testing-and-tracing/get-a-test-to-check-if-you-have-coronavirus/>

You can get a test at a testing site, or by asking for a home testing kit.

Information about coronavirus (COVID-19) is available on the government website: <https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>

The health, safety and wellbeing of our children and staff is extremely important to us and we thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely



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