

10th September 2020

Dear Parent / Carer,

You will be aware that I issued a letter to parents and carers via the website yesterday evening in relation to a confirmed case of Coronavirus within the school.

The letter advised that we would contact parents and carers of those students who were identified as contacts as these students now need to self-isolate for a period of 14 days in line with government guidance and the advice received this morning by Rochdale Public Health Team.

The families of students who need to self-isolate have now been informed. Two form groups within Year 7 are the only student bubbles affected by this precautionary measure. There is no evidence to suggest that this case originated within school.

This means that students in all other form groups from Years 7 to 11 inclusive should continue to attend school as normal.

I would like to reassure all parents and carers that we have stringent Covid measures in place to reduce the risk of the spread of Coronavirus here at school. Please help us to support these measures and do not send your son/daughter to school if they have the main symptoms of coronavirus, which are:

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

Most people with coronavirus have at least one of these symptoms and for most people Covid19 is a mild illness. Information about Covid19 symptoms and management of the virus can be found here, www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/.

As ever, if you have any further queries, please don't hesitate to contact us on 0161 643 2643 or admin@stannesacademy.org.uk.

Yours sincerely,



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