

East Birmingham Network Academy

Dear Parent/Carer,

10th December 2020

Re: Year 11 School Closure from 11th December 2020

We informed you yesterday that a child in school had tested positive for Coronavirus. Following contact tracing and guidance we have taken the decision to close the year 11 bubble. This means that all Year 11's must remain at home to self-isolate until Monday 21st December 2020. We will not be reopening to year 11 until Monday 4th January 2021. As part of this process the remaining Year 11 mock exams that were due to take place tomorrow and next week will now be moved to early next term. The exact dates will be confirmed with you next week. To support this, revision work will be sent out to students tomorrow and staff will be available to support students with this work next week.

As the year 11 bubble did not mix with any other year group bubbles whilst in the school building, we remain open to **ALL OTHER YEAR GROUPS** across the academy, therefore please continue to send your child(ren) in these year groups into school unless they have any symptoms of Covid-19.

All year 11 pupils must self-isolate until Monday 21st December which is 14 days from their last possible contact in school with the positive case. It's really important to do this even if they don't feel unwell because, if they have been infected, they could become infectious to others at any point up to 14 days. The rest of the household does not need to self-isolate, if they do not have symptoms, but they must take extra care to follow the guidance on social distancing and handwashing and avoid contact at home.

If the pupil or any household member develops symptoms you and all household members must then remain at home. Do not go outside your home for any reason i.e. to work, school, or public areas, and do not use public transport or taxis. The guidance for households with possible coronavirus infection page has more information on self-isolation.

If your child, or anyone in your household, starts to develop any of the symptoms associated with Covid-19 (a reminder of these is set out below), please follow government advice and seek a test. Please also let us know the outcome of your test once known so that we can follow up with the DFE as appropriate. This can be done using our email enquiry@ebnfs.org or calling the school office on 0121 272 7020.

We continue to maintain the rigorous arrangements that we have in place across the site to keep bubbles separate from each other, with our enhanced cleaning and hygiene regimes firmly in place.

As a reminder, we have summarised the Government guidance regarding Coronavirus symptoms and ways in which to reduce the transmission below.

Symptoms of COVID19

The most important symptoms of coronavirus (COVID19) are recent onset of any of the following:

- a new continuous cough
- a high temperature
- a loss of, or change in, your normal sense of taste or smell

For most people, coronavirus (COVID19) will be a mild illness. However, if you have any of the symptoms above you must stay at home and arrange to have a test to see if you have COVID19 www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid19/testing-andtracing. Anyone who lives with a person who has developed any of the symptoms above must stay at home and not leave the house for 14 days. Stay at home guidance can be found here:

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<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-households-with-possible-coronavirus-covid19-infection>

How to stop COVID19 spreading

These are the most important things you can do to protect yourself and others from coronavirus:

Do:

- follow the government's rules on social distancing
- 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

Don't

- do not touch your eyes, nose or mouth if your hands are not clean

Face coverings

If you can, wear something that covers your nose and mouth in places where it's hard to stay away from other people.

There are some places where you must wear a face covering, such as:

- on public transport
- in shops
- when you go to hospital appointments or visit someone in hospital

Important: Some people should not wear face coverings, such as children under 3 and people with breathing difficulties.

Further Information is available at: www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid19/

Thank you for your continued support during this difficult time,

Mr Matthew Baldwin
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