



**14 September 2020**

**Year 9 students to self-isolate until Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> September**

Dear Parent / Carer,

Today we have been advised that a student in Year 9 has tested positive for COVID 19. We have been working very closely with Public Health England and the Local Authority and continue to work with them to manage the situation and respond to the advice given.

Following a detailed Risk Assessment, including liaison with the Local Authority and Halton Public Health advisor, the recommendation is that students in the Year 9 Bubble should remain at home and self-isolate, in accordance with Public Health England regulations. Students in other year groups are expected to attend school as normal as they will not have been in close contact with students in the Year 9 Bubble; we are completely confident that all procedures and Risk Assessments have been followed since the school re-opened in September.

Whilst at home, students in Year 9 will be expected to access online learning. Further information about how to access the work will be sent out tomorrow so that students can continue with their learning.

On **Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> September**, students in Year 9 can return to school as normal as long as they have not developed any symptoms for COVID 19; please note, a negative test does not mean that your child can return to school any earlier. Other members of your household can continue normal activities provided they do not develop symptoms within the isolation period. On our website we have a guide for parents which explains clearly what parents need to do if their child develops symptoms.

It is hugely disappointing that we have to ask Year 9 students to work at home however, we will continue to act on the advice and guidance from the Local Authority and Public Health England to keep our school, staff and students safe.

We would like to remind you that School Synergy, our website and social media accounts will continue to be used as the official method of communication.

As always, we would like to extend our thanks to parents / carers for their understanding at this difficult time. If you do have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact us at school.

Yours faithfully,

Mr Simon Corner (Principal)