

17 November 2020

To parents and carers of Year 9 students at Ebor Academy Filey

Dear Parent/Carer

Regrettably, there has been a confirmed case of Covid-19 within our Year 9 student cohort. We would like to reassure you that this case was not contracted in school and the student has not used school transport. We hope this information goes some way to reducing our parents' anxieties.

As your child is in Year 9, he/she must now stay at home and self-isolate for 14 days. Symptoms emerged on Saturday 14 November 2020 therefore the period of self-isolation ends at midnight on Saturday 28 November 2020. Your child should return to school on Monday 30 November 2020, providing they are well.

We are implementing this period of self-isolation, in accordance with public health guidance, to break the chain of transmission and prevent others at our school from catching the virus.

Other members of your household can continue their normal activities during your child's self-isolation.

Parents have understandably raised concerns about why only Year 9 are being asked to isolate. Public Health England guidance states that only persons who have had **close** contact with the affected student must isolate and their definition of this is 'close contact means having face to face contact with someone less than a metre away (even if a face-covering or mask is worn) or being within 2 metres of an infected person for 15 minutes or more'. Due to the number of different lessons and classrooms the student has attended during the 48 hours prior to symptoms developing, it was deemed closing the whole year group to be the safest course of action.

Our remote learning offer enables all students to access their school work from home and submit it to their teachers. Students have been shown how to access their learning via Google classroom by their teachers. We do expect students to complete all remote learning set to the best of their abilities. Further details regarding remote learning, or what to do if you do not have the internet at home will follow shortly.

There is no need for your child or anyone else in your household to be tested for Covid-19 at this time. If you do take a test anyway and your child's result is negative, they must still stay at home and self-isolate until the end of the 14-day period. This is government guidance.

If your child starts to develop symptoms of Covid-19, they are eligible for a test which can be arranged via www.nhs.uk/ask-for-a-coronavirus-test or by calling 119. Symptoms are a new persistent cough, a high temperature, or a change to their sense of taste or smell. **Please advise school immediately if your child does develop symptoms.** Children should not come to school with symptoms and should remain at home for at least ten days from when their symptoms appeared.

We adhere to all government guidance in respect of preventative measures to suppress the virus and our risk assessment, which is reviewed regularly, is available on our website.

We know this is a worrying time for everyone. Please let us know if there is any way you feel we might be able to help you.

Yours faithfully



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