

17 November 2020

To parents and carers at  
Ebor Academy Filey

Dear Parent/Carer

Regrettably, there has been a confirmed case of Covid-19 within our school and now selected students have been asked to stay at home and self-isolate. 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.

**Our school is open as normal for everyone else.**

We have risk assessed and discussed the situation with public health officials and together we are satisfied any risk to other students has been minimised to a satisfactory level.

Those students affected will return to school in 14 days.

We are implementing this period of self-isolation for them, in accordance with guidance, to break the chain of transmission and prevent others at our school from catching the virus. We now have a remote teaching and learning policy in place, which you can see on our website, which explains how we will try and maintain education at home for students having to self-isolate.

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 states: '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.

There is no need for your child or anyone else in your household to be tested for Covid-19 at this time.

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](https://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.

Please be reassured that the school continues to 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 and stressful 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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