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Dear families

I am writing to update you on advice we have received from Camden and Islington Public Health. One student in Year 9 has tested positive for coronavirus. They developed symptoms after isolating last week. They were not symptomatic when they were in school.

A key part of our risk assessment is to follow up on the close contacts of anyone who has a positive test result. In a school, this means other students who have been within a close distance, usually indoors, with that student for an extended period of time. This is to prevent any possible wider outbreak in school. Although coronavirus is almost always very mild in young people, we want to ensure that there is a minimised risk to transmission to others who might be more vulnerable, including families and adults in the school.

**We are asking students in Year 9 only to stay at home tomorrow, Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> September.** During this time we will carry out a full risk assessment with the support of Public Health England to assess the number of students who have been identified as close contacts of the student who has tested positive.

**The siblings of Year 9 students can attend school as normal and on one else in the household needs to isolate.**

Because our year group 'bubbles' do not make contact with each other for prolonged periods, the school is **fully open to students in all other year groups** and these students should attend school as normal tomorrow.

During the day tomorrow, Year 9 students should log onto Microsoft 365, our online learning platform. There they will find materials and instructions to complete work at home. Their login details have been re-issued to them, but they are the same as last year.

We will contact all parents by the end of the day tomorrow about arrangements from Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> September onwards. The arrangements for tomorrow are a precautionary measure.

If your child or a member of your household develops COVID 19 symptoms at any time, you should arrange a test. Please report all student absence clearly and accurately to us. If your child tests positive, you must inform the school so that we can maintain accurate records and keep our community safe.

Yours faithfully

Ms Izzy Jones  
Acting Headteacher