

16th July 2021

Dear Parent/Carer,

We have been notified of a confirmed case of COVID-19 within the school.

Your child has been identified as a close contact of the confirmed case. In line with the national guidance your child is advised to self-isolate for 10 days since the last contact with the confirmed case. The date of last contact with a confirmed case is day zero. The 10 day self-isolation period will end on **Saturday 24th July 2021**.

If your child is well at the end of the 10 day period they will be able to return to normal activities, in accordance with government guidelines, on **Sunday 25th July 2021**. Other members of your household can continue normal activities provided your child does not develop symptoms within the 10 day self-isolation period.

Please see the link to the PHE Staying at Home Guidance:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-households-with-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection>

From **Monday 19th July 2021**, your child will continue to follow their normal school timetable and will be taught "live" lessons by their teachers. Links to the live lessons will be communicated through Satchel One (Show My Homework) . Where there are computer or internet issues we will work with you to provide alternatives. Please make contact with your child's allocated pastoral team if this is the case for you.

If a member of staff is unavailable, details of what your child should do will be communicated through Satchel One (Show My Homework).

Remember if your child is having any difficulties with accessing the lessons you can:

- Access the Student Survival guide on the website under the Information tab, which has all the links they will need to the different platforms
- Messages can be sent directly to the class teacher on Satchel One,(Show My Homework)
- If they need their password reset they need to email: studentitsupport@stopasleyhighschool.co.uk

If you or your child needs to speak to someone at the school, unrelated to their lessons, they can email the pastoral team who will be more than happy to help.

Free School Meals

If your child is entitled to free school meals we will arrange for vouchers to be sent out to you by the end of today. If you have not already registered for your free school meal vouchers, please email fsm@stopsleyhighschool.co.uk with your child's name and the email address you would like the vouchers sent to.

Financial support if you have to take time off work to care for your child while they are self-isolating

Parents and Legal Guardians of children who are required to self-isolate by their education setting or by NHS Test and Trace are now able to apply for a [Test and Trace Support Payment](#) or discretionary payment of £500, if they meet all of the following eligibility criteria:

- You are the parent or guardian of a child or young person in the same household and need to take time off work to care for them while they self-isolate. This is limited to one parent or guardian per household for the child or young person's self-isolation period
- You are employed or self-employed
- You cannot work from home while undertaking caring responsibilities and will lose income as a result
- You meet all the other means-tested eligibility criteria for a Test and Trace Support Payment or locally determined criteria for a discretionary payment
- Your child or young person:
 - is aged 15 or under (or 25 or under with an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHC) and normally attends an education or childcare setting
 - has been told to self-isolate by NHS Test and Trace or by their education or childcare setting because they have been identified as a close contact of someone who has tested positive for COVID-19

Please check the full eligibility criteria for the Test and Trace Support Payment scheme [here](#).

If you believe you are eligible for the payment please visit:

https://m.luton.gov.uk/Page/Show/Health_and_social_care/coronavirus/Pages/I-need-financial-support.aspx to check and apply.

If you are eligible, you will be required to provide a named letter from your child's school to verify the information you provide about your child, as part of the process of confirming whether you are eligible for a payment.

What to do if your child develops symptoms of COVID 19

If your child develops symptoms arrange for a COVID test. This can be done via <https://www.nhs.uk/ask-for-a-coronavirus-test> or by calling 119.

If their test is negative they must still continue to self-isolate for the 10 day period, regardless of the negative test result.

If their test is positive they will need to self-isolate for **10 days** from the date when their symptoms start. All your household members must self-isolate for 10 days.

The date of symptom onset is day zero.

[https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-households-with-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection.](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-households-with-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection)

Further Information

Further information is available at <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'K Hand', written on a light blue grid background. The signature is stylized and includes a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

**Ms K Hand
Headteacher**