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Dear Parents/Carers

We have made it to the end of this academic year's first half term. We have had numerous cases of COVID 19 amongst staff and students at City Fields and we have been in regular contact with Infection control and Public Health England to discuss these. The picture across the whole of the Wakefield school district and indeed the country is that cases are on the rise and we have to accept that this is part of the "New Normal" and the current climate probably for a long time to come. I want to thank you for the continued support you offer the school, students' efforts and resilience is high and this is a credit to the community spirit surrounding us. The main guidance to follow is:

Hands - Regularly washing and sanitising

Face - When not in lessons students must wear a face mask

Space - Keeping socially distant where possible, not touching each other, shaking hands, fist bumping etc

As we move into the winter months there is the possibility that cases may again rise. Can I ask that if your child has any of the symptoms that you follow the government guidance:

What to do if your child develops symptoms of COVID 19

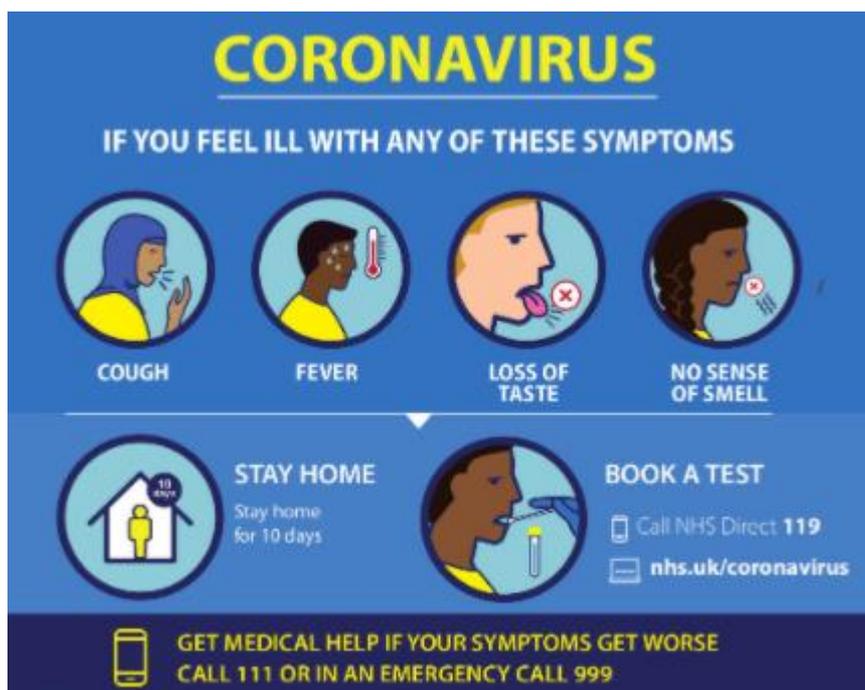
Anyone who displays symptoms, even if they are very mild is asked to act now, get tested as soon as possible.

If your child develops symptoms of COVID-19, **they must not come to school** and should remain at home for at least 10 days from the date when their symptoms appeared.

Anyone with symptoms will be eligible for testing and this can be arranged via

<https://www.nhs.uk/ask-for-a-coronavirus-test> or by calling 119. All other household members who remain well, must stay at home and not leave the house for 14 days. This includes anyone in your 'Support Bubble'.

Further information is available at: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-households-with-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection>. The 14-day period starts from the day when the first person in the house became ill. Household members should not go to work, school or public areas and exercise should be taken within the home.



Praising Stars(c) Reports

Students will receive their first 'Praising Stars' report of the academic year. Praising Stars is the system we use across all our academies to track student progress; to monitor effort and engagement in lessons as well as reporting on attendance and any concerns regarding homework and coursework. Following the reports being issued staff will start to review their interventions for the next half term and will decide how to best support students to continue to achieve their best and tackle any concerns regarding behaviour and effort. Please take time to read the report with your child and to discuss with them, in particular, their praises, effort grades and attitude to learning.

Exams Update

We have been told that there will be some sort of exam season at the end of the year for Year 11 and those students completing courses in Year 10. This does give us a target to aim for, but we will have to wait until further details are released. We will continue to work with our students to prepare them for this experience. Lots of activities and work is provided for them on their google classroom. They also have the ability to seek help from their teacher and discuss work that has been allocated.

Timetables

Year 7 and Year 9 will have received new timetables this week as they are swapping rooms. Year 7 will be moving to the English corridor and Year 9 will move to the Science building. The only other change will be that Year 9 will assemble in the social area on a morning rather than the car park. All entrance and exit points will remain the same.

Community Spirit

It is always delightful to receive good news stories from the community and I would like to encourage parents/carers and any other groups to get in touch to share any good news stories so that we can share the positive experiences that occur in the community.

Year 11 Key Information Website

Normally at this point in the year, Year 11 key staff would meet with parents and carers to explain how the last year at school works and the expectations we have for each other. Unfortunately, this year we cannot do this and so we have moved this onto an online platform. Heads of English, Maths and Science have presented their key hints and tips for their subjects to keep you up to date. There are lots of other support mechanisms here also and the ability to ask us any question you have.

<https://sites.google.com/cityfields.outwood.com/oacfy11-keyinformation>

Yours faithfully



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