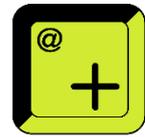




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Dear Parent/Carer

### Covid Outbreak update letter – Years 7-10

Having implemented our Outbreak Management plan last week, we are able to update you on the general effect of the measures that we have put in place so far.

Currently we have seen a **decrease in the numbers of positive cases in years 7 to 10**. Where the initial outbreak was in Year 8, numbers have fallen in that year group to a much safer level.

The school and Public Health England would like to thank you and your children for all of your support in the last week. Where we asked for some pupils to be collected and take PCR tests, this has clearly helped to contain the outbreak. We understand the disruption that taking such action would have caused you and it was not an action that we took lightly in the face of the disruption that pupils' education has suffered in the last two years. However, we are sure that you all agree, that ensuring the safety of the staff and pupils in school, and subsequently their families is of paramount importance.

One of the key areas that we have raised with Public Health surrounds the typical symptoms that we are told show Positive Covid cases versus **the fact that many unvaccinated pupils who test positively display none of those symptoms at all, but yet appear to be suffering from a cold with sore throats, runny noses and headaches**. This is a common issue that is being fed back by a range of schools. Some of the pupils who tested as positive last week via PCRs were not even displaying cold-like symptoms.

Therefore we urge that we maintain the focus on the following:

- Encouraging all staff to test regularly, to minimise the risk of our teachers giving your child or other children Covid;
- Ensuring our staff and children practice good hygiene;
- Making sure our spaces are well ventilated; and;
- Encouraging all members of our community to isolate and book a [PCR test](#) should they develop symptoms of the virus.
- Some close contacts are being asked to book PCR tests too.

**We are asking all parents to encourage their children to test regularly and to report each result via the Covid section of our website.**



**Please also ensure that pupils bring their own masks to school with them – we are supplying large numbers each day.**

As the Covid situation in schools has been subject to change we have found the students falling into 3 categories therefore we have arranged the work to be categorised as below.

**1. Waiting on a PCR test result due to a close contact testing positive.**

This is usually a matter of 48 hours. Students can access a bank of work here <https://www.stonehenge.wilts.sch.uk/work-bank/> that has been set up by their subjects or use some of the online learning platforms attached.

**2. Waiting on a PCR test result due to developing symptoms.**

This is usually a matter of 48 hours. The student might be ill so doing work might interfere with their recuperation so it is understandable if no work is done. However if symptoms are mild then students can access a bank of work here <https://www.stonehenge.wilts.sch.uk/work-bank/> that has been set up by their subjects or use some of the online learning platforms attached.

**3. Isolating for an extended period and recovering due to a positive Covid test result.**

If the student is ill then they should focus on their recuperation and not work. However, if symptoms are mild and the student is well enough to work or they are in the latter stages of their isolation then then for the first few days students can access a bank of work here <https://www.stonehenge.wilts.sch.uk/work-bank/> that has been set up by their subjects, after this their teacher will aim to set the classwork being delivered. Staff have been asked to set this via SatchelOne (Show My Homework), they will have been added to a class called !Covid isolation. Pick the task relevant to them.

Again, we thank you for your support in helping to ensure that our outbreak is currently being contained and for your level of understanding. It is clear from making comparisons to other schools in the area and the national picture in schools that we have currently protected the education of our children from the extent of disruption being experienced elsewhere.

Yours faithfully

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