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Roding Valley
HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Re: Positive Covid-19 Case

I am writing to you to set out our plans for the event of a student in our school community testing positive for Covid-19.

We will look at every case individually and will seek guidance from the Department for Education, Coronavirus line and Essex Public Health. This will support us in the decision making around who needs to self-isolate based on the information we have.

It might be the case that following notification of a positive Covid-19 test result, a whole year group 'bubble' of students are sent home in the first instance while we clarify further the individual case and the advice and guidance we are offered. This may mean that some students from the 'bubble' remain self-isolating, while others are able to return sooner. However, it must be noted that the advice and guidance may be that the entire year group bubble should remain in self-isolation for the entire 14 day period.

Our contingency plan for remote education will include a video recorded instruction, work set via the google classroom remote learning platform and live lessons where possible. Our home learning strategy and helpful guidance for students and [parents](#) can be found on our website [here](#). It's incredibly important that your child knows their Google login details. This has been shared with them in school multiple times and they should already be using this for all home learning. If there are any issues with this, please contact us immediately.

From Thursday 8th October 2020 if we receive notification of a positive Covid-19 case, we will send an email and a text message to the parents of all students who must self-isolate with immediate effect. Students will be sent home from school as soon as they are identified in the school day. This is to reduce the risk of further transmission of the virus in our school to other bubbles. The text message and email will give you the time we intend to release them from our school site. Please wait until after that time to contact your child, as they will not have access to their mobile phones before this time. Please make sure you discuss with your child a safety plan and make clear arrangements with them about what they should do in the event of them being sent home from school at very short notice.

If you are a Year 7 parent/carer or your child has specific identified needs that would prevent them from being able to make their own way home safely, please contact Miss Dyer (Deputy Headteacher) today sdyer@rodingvalley.net - we will agree for you to collect your child from the school site in the event of the rest of their 'bubble' being sent home. It will be impossible for us to 'house' students on our school site, once 'Track and Trace' have informed us that they must start a period of self-isolation. This is to prevent further transmission to both my staff and other students. Please understand that if you do not make contact with us, we will assume that you are in agreement to your child being released from the school site at the time we will inform you of in the text message and email.



In the event of your child being sent home to self-isolate as identified through track and trace, we are asked, as a school, to remind you of the Government guidelines, around self-isolation.

Please see the [guidance from the NHS here](#). Your child should remain at home, but unless they exhibit symptoms the rest of your household is free to continue their daily life, this includes siblings attending school. However, if they do exhibit symptoms then your household must self-isolate until your child has received a negative test. Please do inform us if your child needs to be tested and of any results obtained. You have a responsibility under the Government Guidelines, that if anyone in your household develops symptoms, you must start a period of self-isolation. This means, at this point, siblings must not attend school under any circumstances. Given the rising rate of infection, it is important that parents and carers take swift action, isolate first and seek a test. It is incumbent on us all to play our part in keeping the school community healthy and our school open for all students.

The best and most efficient way for us to keep in contact with our parents and carers is via the EduLink App. If you are not already using the EduLink App, you will receive a text message and an email with the simple 'two step' instructions to sign up.



EduLink

How Can I Access EduLink?

EduLink can be accessed on any device – PC, laptop, tablet or mobile device – via the web browser or via the EduLink app. The link to access the EduLink login page on a web browser is www.edulinkone.com

Alternatively, you can download the EduLink App which is available to download for free on Apple or on Android.



Requires iOS 8.0 or later.
Compatible with iPhone, iPad and

Both the App and the web browser will display this log-in screen.



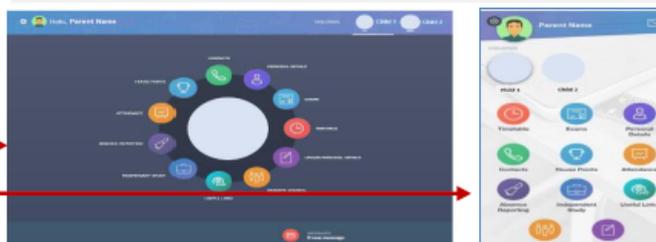
Requires Android 4.4 and up.

The School ID is '**Roding**'.

Parents/Carers will need to enter the Username and Password they have been provided with and click 'Log in'.

The displayed is dependant of the platform you are logged in to:

- Via Web Browser
- Via the EduLink App



Yours faithfully

Mrs S Jenner
Headteacher

Miss S Dyer
Deputy Headteacher