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Roding Valley
HIGH SCHOOL

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For Parents of Year 11 - Positive Case of Covid 19 at Roding Valley High School

Dear Parents and Carers,

As you are aware, the school had a confirmed positive case of Coronavirus (COVID-19) reported to us on Friday and this is why your child is at home self-isolating today. We have now had two further confirmed cases reported to us this morning. All three students were in school last week and the latest two cases were both in school on Thursday. They are all in different classes/ academic groups/ friendship groups and have a significant impact on the entire year group.

In my communication on Friday 27th November, I informed you that your child would need to self-isolate along with the rest of the year group 'bubble' whilst we investigated the close contacts of the child who tested positive. Today's lessons will be posted on Google Classroom as Materials and your child should work through these – following the normal lesson pattern.

We have followed the national guidance from Public Health England and been in contact with Essex Test and Trace. We have identified that the significant majority of Year 11 would be deemed a close contact and we have been advised to close the Year 11 bubble to avoid further transmission.

Your child, therefore, does need to self-isolate. Year 11 students can return to school on Friday 11th December

In line with the national guidance, your child must stay at home and self-isolate until 10th December (14 days after last possible contact) - return to school on the 11th December. If your child is in receipt of Free School Meals, we have a supply of non-perishable food boxes with lunch type items that can be collected. Please contact Miss Dyer on sdyer@rodingvalley.net to arrange collection. We also have a small number of laptops available for loan during this period, again please contact Miss Dyer if you believe that you are eligible.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR REMOTE LEARNING FOR YEAR 11 STUDENTS WHO ARE SELF-ISOLATING

From Tuesday 1st December:

Your son/daughter will be able to access all of their lessons using both our **Google Classroom and Google Meet platform**. Our teachers will be **'live streaming'** their lessons from school so that your son/daughter can access them live and not miss any of their vital learning.

The lessons will take place in line with their usual school timetable and teachers will make their **'live links'** available each day.



Year 11 teaching remains our priority but I'm sure that you will appreciate that there may be some minor technical difficulties with live teaching, but we will do everything we can to resolve them and continue to provide top-quality teaching. This is also on the assumption that the teachers remain well and available during this isolation period to deliver live learning. We will keep you updated and informed.

Before accessing these live lessons, please do read our 'Live lesson etiquette' guide below. There is also a helpful video to explain this. I also need to state that when joining live lessons, all students must join using their Roding Valley High School email address. Anyone trying to join using a personal email address will be denied access by the teacher (for safeguarding reasons).

 [Year 10 11 and 12 live lesson etiquette.pdf](#)

 [Live Lesson Etiquette](#)

For technical support with accessing live lessons (where to find live lesson links etc), please click below:

 [Using Google Meet for Live lessons](#)

If your son/daughter cannot access these lessons live, then subject teachers will continue to store **lesson material** (powerpoints and other documents) on our usual Google Classroom platform in the 'material' section for each subject. This lesson material can be accessed at any time of the day, and will still allow your son/daughter to keep on track with their learning.

Please note that in some cases, our teachers will be teaching students both in real-time (face to face) and live streaming to those at home. I'm sure you will appreciate that there may be some minor technical difficulties, but we will do everything we can to resolve them and continue to provide top-quality teaching.

General advice on use of google classroom / Home Learning can be found on our website <https://rodingvalley.net/high-school/home-learning/>
Please contact class teachers directly if you have any concerns.

Please encourage students to also access the online revision materials which are posted via google classroom.

Other members of your household can continue normal activities provided your child does not develop symptoms within the 14-day self-isolation period.

Please see the link to the Guidance for contacts of people with confirmed coronavirus (COVID-19) infection who do not live with the person:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-for-contacts-of-people-with-possible-or-confirmed-coronavirus-covid-19-infection-who-do-not-live-with-the-person>

Updated guidance for parents in the autumn term

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-in-the-autumn-term>

What to Do If Your Child Develops Symptoms of COVID 19

If your child develops symptoms of COVID-19, they 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.

People who do not have symptoms should not request a test unless this has been specifically requested by Public Health England or the local authority.

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'.

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. If you require help with buying groceries, other shopping or picking up medication, or walking a dog, you should ask friends or family. Alternatively, you can order your shopping online and medication by phone or online.

Household members staying at home for 14 days will greatly reduce the overall amount of infection the household could pass on to others in the community

If you are able can, move any vulnerable individuals (such as the elderly and those with underlying health conditions) out of your home, to stay with friends or family for the duration of the home isolation period

Please see the link to the PHE 'Stay 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>

Symptoms of COVID 19

The most common symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) are recent onset of:

- new continuous cough and/or
- high temperature and/or
- a loss of, or change in, normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia)

For most people, coronavirus (COVID-19) will be a mild illness.

If your child does develop symptoms, you can seek advice from the nhs.uk website at <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/check-if-you-have-coronavirus-symptoms/>. If you are concerned about your child's symptoms, or they are worsening you can seek advice from NHS 111 at <https://111.nhs.uk/> or by phoning 111.

How to Stop COVID-19 Spreading

There are things you can do to help reduce the risk of you and anyone you live with getting ill with COVID-19

Do

- Wash your hands with soap and water often – do this for at least 20 seconds
- Use Hand Sanitiser Gel if soap and water are not available
- Wash your hands as soon as you get home
- Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or your sleeve (not your hands) when you cough or sneeze
- Put used tissues in the bin immediately and wash your hands afterwards

Further Information

Further information is available at

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

Yours sincerely



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