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Ref: Class 6RT & Year 6 Intervention Bubble Closure

Dear Parent/Career,

Early this morning, we learned that a member of our school community had tested positive over the weekend for coronavirus (COVID-19) in Class 6RT & our Intervention Bubble. This member is deemed to have come into close contact with members of the 6RT and Year 6 Intervention 'bubble' last week. In line with guidance from Public Health England, we are required to close the class and Intervention bubble for 14 days from the day of last contact. As the member of our community was last in school on Friday 27th November, this will be the date of last contact. **We therefore ask that you keep your child at home for this prescribed period to isolate; which will run between Friday 27th November and Friday 11th December. This means the bubbles will return to school on Monday 14th December.** This closure allows parents to keep a close eye on their children at home for signs and symptoms of COVID-19. If your child develops symptoms, they should immediately be tested and the test result should be sent to the school at: office@abbey-tmet.uk.

Staying safe

Current government guidance states that other household members do not need to self-isolate unless the child or staff member they live with in that class or group (bubble) subsequently develops symptoms. If your child or any of your fellow household members do develop any of the COVID-19 symptoms (high temperature, new, continuous cough or loss or change to your sense of smell or taste), however mild, they must self-isolate and arrange a test to see if they have COVID-19. Testing can be arranged through the NHS here: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/testing-and-tracing/ask-for-a-test-to-check-if-you-have-coronavirus/>. The results of any such test should be reported to the school immediately.

Further information about what to do if someone in your household has a possible or confirmed COVID-19 infection can be found here: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance>. A useful flow chart can be found enclosed.

I would like to reassure you that although this news maybe worrying, it is something that we are thoroughly prepared to deal with. As you know, a large number of measures have been put into place to minimise risk and our processes are under constant review so that we keep the staff and pupils safe.

Remote learning

School work will continue to be set for your child whilst they are self-isolating, and can be accessed via our school website: www.abbey-tmet.uk. School staff will call home later today to explain the home learning to children. Physical home learning packs are currently being printed and will be ready for collection tomorrow. We will also be in a position to loan school devices to families who require these to access the online sessions delivered by Mrs Thandi. All children will be expected to access these online lessons and registers will be taken in the mornings to ensure that learning continues.



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School meals

If your child is eligible for Free School Meals, then they will be entitled to a food hamper. The school office will work with the kitchen to produce hampers for children that are eligible. If any other parents are struggling at this time with food and believe they may be entitled to Free School Meals, please do contact us and we will do all we can to support you.

We'd like to remind you that anybody with symptoms or self-isolating should remain away from the school and you should make alternative arrangements for siblings to be brought to school where necessary. If this isn't possible, then please inform the school office to discuss this.

We will keep you informed if there are any further updates; in the meantime, please continue to follow all government guidelines in keeping you and your families safe.

We thank you for your support once again during these difficult times.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Gary Aldred

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Flow chart for parents/carers of pupils who have had close contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19

The following diagram illustrates the actions to be taken when a pupil has come into close contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19

Please note that this is not a substitute for reading the full Government guidance:
<https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>

Person has been in close contact with someone who has tested positive and is sent home to **self-isolate for 14 days**.

Household does not need to self-isolate, unless the child that they live with who is self-isolating subsequently develops symptoms.

If a person who has been in close contact with someone who has tested positive subsequently develops symptoms themselves within their 14-day isolation period, then they should follow '[stay at home: guidance for households with possible or confirmed coronavirus \(COVID-19\) infection](#)' - stay at home and get a test.

If the test delivers a **negative result**, then your child must **stay at home for the remainder of the 14-day isolation period**. This is because they could still develop the coronavirus (COVID-19) within the remaining days.

You will need to inform the school of the test result.

Household members can stop self-isolating if they do not have symptoms.

If the test delivers a **positive result**, then you should inform the school immediately and your child should **isolate for at least 10 days** from the onset of their symptoms (which could mean the self-isolation ends before or after the original 14-day isolation period).

Household members should self-isolate for at least 14 days from when the symptomatic person first had symptoms, following '[stay at home: guidance for households with possible or confirmed coronavirus \(COVID-19\) infection](#)'