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Principal: Mr G Aldred

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**Ref: 2<sup>nd</sup> Closure of Class 3KR bubble**

Dear Parent/Carer,

We are writing to inform you that a member of our school community has tested positive for coronavirus (COVID-19) in Class 3KR. This member has come into close contact with the '3KR bubble', following advice from Public Health England, we are required to close the class bubble for 14 days from the day of last contact. As the member of our community was last in school on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> November, this will be the date of last contact. **We therefore ask that you keep your child at home for this prescribed period and follow isolation guidance for your child. The date of closure will run between Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> November and Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> November. This means the class 3KR bubble will return to school on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> November.** 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](mailto: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**

In the same manner as the previous closure, work will continue to be set for your child whilst they are self-isolating. This will be accessible via our school website: [www.abbey-tmet.uk](http://www.abbey-tmet.uk). School staff will call home early next week to discuss this learning further and arrange for the loaning of digital devices in the same manner as the previous closure. Mrs Rigby will then teach lessons online.



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Online lessons will be run through Microsoft TEAMS and each child who requires a device will be provided a new Chrome book to assist them in accessing lessons. This should be returned when the children return to school on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> November.

### **School meals**

If your child is eligible for Free School Meals, then they will be entitled to a food hamper. The school will contact you early next week to arrange for the collection of these food hampers. If any other parents feel they 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 ask a member of your family or a friend to collect this on your behalf. If this isn't possible, then please inform the school office.

We will keep you updated 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 at this difficult and uncertain time.

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](#)'