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Principal: Mr G Aldred

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### Ref: Closure of FCS Class 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 our FCS class bubble. This member is deemed to have come into close contact with members of the class bubble, following advice from Public Health England, we are required to close the class for 14 days from the day of last contact. As the member of our community has not been in since Thursday 26<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; which will run between Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> November and Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> December. This means the class bubble will return to school on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:office@abbey-tmet.uk). Understandably, the decision to close the bubble for a 3<sup>rd</sup> time has not been taken lightly and we understand that this will cause considerable inconvenience, but we must do all we can to stop the transmission of the virus and so the closure is sadly necessary.

#### 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](http://www.abbey-tmet.uk). School staff will call home on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> November



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at the earliest convenience to talk you and your child through the home learning and ensure that you can access this.

Siblings of children in this class should continue to attend school as usual unless anyone in your household is displaying symptoms or you are awaiting the outcome of a COVID-19 test.

### **School meals**

If your child is eligible and in receipt of 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 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](#)'