

9th October 2020

Dear Parent

As you are aware, the Year 8 “bubble” was yesterday asked to stay at home due to a positive Covid case within the year group. The original plan was to identify close contacts to enable some Year 8 students to return to school as soon as possible.

In discussions with the local contact tracing service, it became clear that the specific circumstances surrounding this case made it likely that one or more other cases *might* result from the infection. In addition, although we could identify those who definitely *were* close contacts, we could not be absolutely positive about what other contact had taken place.

Unfortunately, a second positive case from a different form group has now been identified within the bubble and we have had to take the decision, in the interests of safety, to keep the bubble closed. Students from Year 8 should therefore not return to school until 21st October, as indicated in the original letter.

I realise that this is inconvenient and am sorry that we are unable to bring some of the students back early, but we are acting in line with advice from the public health authorities and in the interests of safety.

Remote learning is already in place for the year group and I hope that this will ensure that any impact on progress can be kept to an absolute minimum. I am sure you will agree, however, that the most important consideration at this time is the health and safety of our students, our staff and all our families.

Yours sincerely

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Headteacher