

November 23rd 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

As you know, we received news yesterday that one of our year 7 students had tested positive for coronavirus. I know you will join me in sending our best wishes to the student and the family concerned.

We have spent the morning consulting with public health colleagues at Cheshire East Council and conducting a track and trace exercise in school checking timetabled classes and possible contacts at breaks and lunchtimes. Following this exercise, I am sorry to say that it will be necessary to ask all students in 7AW to isolate until Thursday 3rd September and **return to school on Friday 4th December**. I have written separately to the parents of these students to explain the arrangements for lessons while they are isolating.

The good news is that, with one exception, the rest of our year 7 students will be able to return to school **tomorrow**. It will be great to see them all back.

The one exception is the consequence of an unrelated case. I am sorry to say that one of our staff received a positive test result this morning. In the course of a separate track and trace exercise it has become clear that the member of staff concerned was in close contact with a Year 7 student in the course of a one to one conversation. I have already spoken with the mother of the student concerned and that student will need to self isolate as well.

These are worrying times for students, for parents and for school staff alike. Please rest assured though, that we will continue to do everything we can both to keep all our students safe and to provide the best possible continuity of education.

With every best wish

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Richard Hedge', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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