



8<sup>th</sup> November 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

## Positive Case of Covid-19 in Year 9

We have been informed of a Year 9 student who has tested positive for Covid-19. We have followed protocol and contacted the DfE/Public Health England who have advised us that students who have come into contact with the student, during the 48 hours before the symptoms started and the test taken, need to isolate for 14 days from that time.

We have already identified those who have come into contact and provided this advice via a phone call from a member of staff over the weekend followed by a letter. If you have not been contacted by us, or by Track and Trace, your children can continue to attend school as normal.

Can I also use this opportunity to remind everyone of the symptoms of Coronavirus below.

Main symptoms:

- **a high temperature** - this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature).
- **a new, continuous cough** - this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or three or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual).
- **a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste** - this means that you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal.

If students have any of the main symptoms of Coronavirus (Covid-19) they are to get a test as soon as possible and stay at home until the result comes back. It is really important that you tell us if you are going for a test via email ([nlane@chewvalleyschool.co.uk](mailto:nlane@chewvalleyschool.co.uk)) and what the result of this test is. During this time they and anyone who they live with should then stay at home and not have visitors until the test result is available – the only reason to leave the home is to go for the test. Anyone in the support bubble should also stay at home if they have been in contact since the symptoms started or during the 48 hours before they began.

Please be assured that we are working in partnership with the DfE/Public Health England and are following their advice. We are doing all we can to ensure we all stay safe, and will continue to keep the school open for as many students as possible. If you do require any further information, please visit <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>.

Yours sincerely

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