



Venerable Bede Church of England Academy

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Dear Parents/Carers,

We have been advised over the course of this weekend, that there have been two confirmed cases of COVID-19 within Year 7 and Year 8 which are not related to each other. We have carried out a thorough risk assessment and identified those pupils who might have been in close contact with the affected case. A letter has been sent to the parents/carers of those pupils directly.

Your child has not been identified as a close contact for either of these two pupils and therefore does not need to self-isolate. Your child should return to school on Monday morning as school is open, as normal, to all remaining Year 7 and Year 8 pupils, and all pupils in Years 9, 10 and 11.

Common symptoms of COVID-19 are recent onset of:

- new continuous cough and/or
- high temperature and/or
- a loss of, or change in, normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia)

If anyone in your household develops any of these symptoms of COVID-19, they should remain at home and arrangements should be made for them to be tested. At that time, all household members must also stay at home, not go to work, school or public areas, even for exercise. Please inform school immediately. Testing can be arranged by calling 119 or via the NHS website: nhs.uk/coronavirus. More advice will be provided from the NHS once a test result has been received.

Please help us to stop COVID-19 spreading in our community:

- wash your hands with soap and water often – do this for at least 20 seconds
- use hand sanitiser gel if soap and water are not available
- wash your hands as soon as you get home
- cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or your sleeve (not your hands) when you cough or sneeze
- put used tissues in the bin immediately and wash your hands afterwards

We understand that this is a worrying time and we will continue to do all we can to keep our young people, their families and our staff safe. Please keep everyone in your prayers, especially those who are unwell or anxious. Do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions.

Yours faithfully,

Mr D Airey
Headteacher

