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Dear Parents/Carers,

Advice to Self-Isolate from and including Monday 2nd - Monday 9th November 2020

We have been advised that there is another confirmed case of COVID-19 within the school and specifically within Year 11.

We have followed the national guidance and have identified that across the year group there would be a significant number of students potentially affected by this current reported case. In line with the national guidance, the whole of Year 11 must now stay at home and self-isolate until and including Monday 9th November. **All Year 11 students must return to school, as long as they are well, on Tuesday 10th November.** Public Health and the Local Authority have today determined that this is the necessary self-isolation period required for the rest of the year group.

Year 11 students in the Resource Base must attend school as usual at their normal time as they are not affected by this case.

As you will appreciate, we have not taken this decision lightly to ask Year 11 to remain at home, particularly at this crucial time in their exam preparation. It is important that we do as much as possible to contain the spread of the virus, whilst at the same time limiting the impact on the education, learning and progress of our Year 11 students at this important time for all of them.

We are asking you to do this to reduce the further spread of COVID 19 to others in the community.

If your child is well at the end of this period of self-isolation, then they must return to school on Tuesday 10th November.

Other members of your household can continue normal activities provided your child does not develop symptoms within this period of self-isolation.

Please see the link to the PHE Staying at Home Guidance

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-households-with-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection>

What to do if your child develops symptoms of COVID 19

If your child develops symptoms of COVID-19, they should remain at home for at least 10 days from the date when their symptoms appeared.

All other household members who remain well must stay at home and not leave the house for 14 days.

The 14-day period starts from the day when the first person in the house became ill.

Household members should not go to work, school or public areas and exercise should be taken within the home.

Household members staying at home for 14 days will greatly reduce the overall amount of infection the household could pass on to others in the community.

If you are able, move any vulnerable individuals (such as the elderly and those with underlying health conditions) out of your home, to stay with friends or family for the duration of the home isolation period.

Symptoms of COVID 19

The most common symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) are recent onset of:

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

For most people, coronavirus (COVID-19) will be a mild illness.

If your child does develop symptoms, you can seek advice from NHS 111 at <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/check-if-you-have-coronavirus-symptoms/> or by phoning 111.

How to stop COVID-19 spreading

There are things you can do to help reduce the risk of you and anyone you live with getting ill with COVID-19

Hands

- Wash your hands regularly and for at least 20 seconds.

Face

- Cover your face in enclosed spaces, especially where social distancing may be difficult and where you will come into contact with people you do not normally meet.
- It is now compulsory to wear cloth face coverings on public transport, shops and several other indoor settings.

Space

- Stay 2 metres apart where possible, or 1 metre with extra precautions in place.
- Keep your distance from people who are outside your household or support bubble.
- Limit social gatherings (including abiding by the 'rule of 6') and avoid crowded places.

Further Information

Further information is available at

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

Arrangements for learning during the Year 11 self-isolation period 3rd – 9th November inclusive

From Tuesday 3rd November, links to all lessons will be placed on Show My Homework (SMH) to enable Year 11 to attend all their lessons. All Year 11 teaching will move to live on-line delivery at their normal lesson times. Positive and engaging behaviours for learning are always expected. We will not allow any student's learning to be further disrupted.

Registers and student attendance will be checked.

In addition to your normal lesson being delivered through Zoom, you will also receive a link for an assembly on Tuesday morning. **It is important that all Year 11 students attend this and that you use your school email address to join.** Further details and instructions will be given about college applications and mock exams. Parents are welcome to attend this assembly.

You should all be appropriately dressed (school uniform need not be worn) and ready to work in an appropriate place at home, equipped with your pens etc. and ready to learn. We are aware that your exercise books are at school. Your teachers have planned for this. Most of your lessons will be coming from your normal classroom at school. Your teachers will want you to participate in the learning and will take your mics on and off mute to enable this to happen. We do not expect any incidences of poor or disrespectful behaviour. We encourage parents /carers as far as possible to be present at the lessons and to listen to what is being taught and said.

You will all be following your normal timetable. During core PE, we will provide additional lessons in the core subjects which you will be expected to attend. We will email students about these arrangements. Our online provision this week means that no learning time needs to be lost.

The Millwall students will remain at home in self-isolation on Wednesday. You should be ready to attend your normal lessons or to attend lessons via Zoom links with Mr Scarborough.

Contact with Year 11 will be maintained through their school email addresses. There will also be contact through Show My Homework. If you are unsure of your SMH log-in please email Mr Cavadino from your school email address at jcavadino@conisboroughcollege.co.uk and he will ensure that you get your correct log-in.

There are a small number of teachers also affected by this and they too will be self-isolating for the same period of time. They will be teaching their normal lessons via Zoom, including to their Year 11 classes.

Year 11 students are all aware of how often we repeatedly remind them, indeed nag them, about the importance of keeping to all the routines we have in place for social distancing, hand hygiene, respiratory hygiene and no physical contact – Hands, Face, Space. This is very important, and we urge parents to reinforce this with their child. We must all do our bit to contain the virus in every way possible. All students must come to school with a supply of masks and follow all expectations of safe behaviour as outlined in the Staying Safe Onsite document. **I cannot reinforce strongly enough the need for responsible behaviour at this time.**

We do appreciate and understand that for many, this will be very disappointing especially in the lead up to the mock exams. **We will be delaying the mock exams in order to enable Year 11 to return and prepare onsite with their teachers for these important tests.** They will take place before the end of term and we will communicate the amended arrangements and timings in the next few days. A new mock exam timetable will be issued.

So many of our Year 11 students have worked very hard, been in school and are doing their best in challenging times. We have already seen fantastic attendance at our after-school and half term holiday intervention sessions which is showing us how serious many of our young people are about their future successes and their desire to learn.

We will continue to do everything we can to ensure your children's progress is not hampered by these uncertain times.

If you have any questions or concerns, please email Mrs Maloney, Head of Year 11, at: cmaloney@conisboroughcollege.co.uk or Mr Cavadino, Deputy Headteacher, at: jcavadino@conisboroughcollege.co.uk

Yours sincerely

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