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Tuesday, 1<sup>st</sup> December 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

**Year 9 to Self-Isolate from and including Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> December –  
Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2020 inclusive**

We have been advised that there is a confirmed case of COVID-19 within the school and specifically within Year 9.

In consultation with Public Health and the Local Authority, and having followed the national guidance, we have risk assessed the whole of Year 9 as potentially affected by this current reported case. In line with the national guidance and direction given, Year 9 must now stay at home and self-isolate until and including Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December. Public Health and the Local Authority have today determined that this is the necessary self-isolation period required for this specific group of students.

**Students in our Resource Base should attend school as normal as they are in a separate 'bubble' and are not affected by this.**

As you will appreciate, we have not taken this decision lightly. However, we must do all we can to contain the spread of the virus, whilst at the same time limiting the impact on the education, learning and progress of our Year 9 students at a time when they have already had such an impact on their learning with the first national lock down earlier this year and they have their options process ahead of them after Christmas.

**If your child is well at the end of this period of self-isolation, then they must return to school on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December at the normal time and in full school uniform.**

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-coronavirussymptoms/> 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 is available at <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

### **Arrangements for learning during the Year 9 self-isolation period 2nd December – 16<sup>th</sup> December 2020 inclusive**

On Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> December, work will be placed on Show My Homework for students to complete. From Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> December, links to all lessons will be placed on Show My Homework (SMH) to enable Year 9 students affected to attend all their lessons. All their 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 and staff will attend all the lessons to make sure students are where they should be and engaging in their learning.

Students should all be appropriately dressed (school uniform need not be worn) and ready to work in an appropriate place at home, equipped with pens etc. and ready to learn. We are aware that their exercise books are at school and teachers have planned for this. Most of your lessons will be coming from your normal classroom at school.

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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.

Students will all be following their normal timetable except during core PE lessons. Our online provision during this period of self-isolation means that no learning time needs to be lost.

Contact with Year 9 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: Ms Hopkins, Head of Year, at [shopkins@conisboroughcollege.co.uk](mailto:shopkins@conisboroughcollege.co.uk) or Dr Aylward at [saylward@conisboroughcollege.co.uk](mailto:saylward@conisboroughcollege.co.uk)

There are a small number of staff 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 all their Year 9 classes, as long as they remain well.

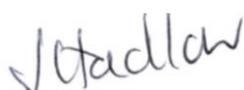
All Year 9 students are aware of how often we repeatedly remind them, indeed nag them, about the importance of keeping to all the routines we have in place for social distancing, hand hygiene, respiratory hygiene and no physical contact – Hands, Face, Space. This is very important, and we urge parents to reinforce this with their child. We must all do our bit to contain the virus in every way possible and keep to the national restriction guidance, including going home straight away after school. 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 as well as the national restrictions rules.

I cannot reinforce strongly enough the need for responsible behaviour at this time and the necessity of keeping to social distancing, using hand sanitiser and wearing a face covering in communal settings when social distancing cannot be guaranteed. Sadly, we are being affected by some students not complying with this. It is a hugely important part of the measures we are taking to contain the spread of the virus.

We appreciate and understand that, for many, this will be very disappointing. So many of our Year 9 students are working very hard and are doing their best in challenging times.

We will continue to do everything to ensure your child's progress is not hampered by these uncertain times. If you have any queries, please contact Ms Hopkins, Head of Year [shopkins@conisboroughcollege.co.uk](mailto:shopkins@conisboroughcollege.co.uk) or Dr Aylward, Assistant Headteacher [saylward@conisboroughcollege.co.uk](mailto:saylward@conisboroughcollege.co.uk) **We will be delivering an information assembly to all Year 9 students and parents on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> December at 8.45 am and on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> December at 8.45am.**

Yours sincerely



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Headteacher