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Dear Parents/Carers,

Year 7 Bubble

Earlier today, we were made aware that one member of the academy community has tested positive for COVID 19 from within the Year 7 bubble. Normally, in this circumstance we would resort to daily testing for the rest of the bubble members that remained symptom free. However, we have been informed that three further members from the Year 7 bubble have tested positive since the weekend. Although these individuals have not been on the academy site 48 hours prior to their symptoms starting, we have sought advice from Public Health England. As a precautionary measure we have taken the decision to ask all members of the Year 7 bubble to self-isolate at home for the next 10 days. These students should access remote learning from home for the duration of their self-isolation. Should they have any difficulty with this please make contact with Miss Jordan, [Head of Year 7](#).

Whilst I appreciate this may cause families some inconvenience, I am sure you will understand the need to prioritise the safety of our community. The Year 7 bubble will reopen on Monday 1st February where students will be tested on arrival. Please can parents/carers complete the consent form for testing if they have not already done so using the following [link](#). It is important that if a Year 7 student develops symptoms whilst at home, a test is arranged immediately and the academy informed of the result via office@magna-aspirations.org.

All other years

Vulnerable children and the children of critical workers in Year 8 onwards are still expected to be able to continue to access on-site education provision as all other Year group bubbles remain open. Where they contain a sibling of a Year 7 student, the sibling can attend as normal, unless someone within the household develops symptoms. However, if the sibling is able to stay at home safely they should do so. Weekly testing will continue as normal and the rooms/areas used by the Year 7 bubble are being deep cleaned.

Any student attending the academy must wear their full academy uniform each Monday, but their full and correct Academy PE kit for the remainder of the week. For those students on site, hot food will be available at lunch time, with students eligible for Free School Meals receiving a healthy snack at break time also. Please can families not in receipt of Free School Meals ensure their child is sent to the academy with either a packed lunch or enough funds on their ParentPay account to purchase hot food at lunchtime. In addition, can you please send your child with a healthy nut-free snack and bottle of water.

It is important that parents/carers that have registered intended attendance for vulnerable children or children of critical workers inform the academy of any changes. If the child is unwell parents/carers should contact the student absence line 01202 606890 before 9am on each day of absence. We realise that many parents working in these sectors may be able to ensure their child is kept at home, and every child who can be safely cared for at home and access remote learning should do so. Therefore if parents/carers have now decided not to send their child into the academy or wish to reduce the number of days required they should email us directly at office@magna-aspirations.org outlining any changes.

COVID-19

In order for us to continue providing safe on-site education provision, we ask that families strongly encourage their children to strictly adhere to current government guidance. Please use this [link](#) to inform your child of expectations outside of the academy. For those vulnerable students and children of critical workers on site we have continued to strictly adhere to social distancing, excellent hygiene and the wearing of face coverings in communal areas. Year group bubbles are also in place. However, this is most beneficial to the wider community when paired with similar behaviours outside of the academy.

As has always been the case, if a member of your household should develop any Covid-19 symptoms it is paramount that you keep your child at home and as a household follow self-isolation guidance, keeping the academy informed of any absence and subsequent positive test result.

Finally, it has been an absolute pleasure to remain on-site with our vulnerable children and children of critical key workers these past weeks. Not only have they made the most of every learning opportunity, they have done us all proud with exemplary conduct and positive engagement.

Yours sincerely



Ms N Ullah
Principal