

23 November 2020

Positive COVID case

Dear Year 9 Parents & Carers,

I'm writing to advise that a student in Year 9 has tested positive for Coronavirus. Over the course of the day we have completed contact tracing and any possible contacts have been isolated and had their parents informed. If you have not heard from us it means your child has not been identified as a close contact.

For those students now isolating, teachers will set work as best they can during their isolation period. However, students themselves should be proactive about emailing their teachers each morning for work and revision. They can independently explore KAA Online, where there is a range of useful work for them to complete, and plan their own time to focus on topics they need to study. Please understand it is likely to take a few days for teachers to be able to share any individual plans with students, and in the meantime students should use their own initiative to stay productive from home.

I would be very grateful if parents could reinforce the following with their Year 9 children;

- Hugging, hand-shaking, high fiving etc – all of this is contrary to social distancing guidelines and students should not be doing it in the middle of a pandemic. It increases their risk of catching and spreading the virus and makes everyone in our community less safe. Physical contact is banned at KAA, and this rule is even more important at present.
- Students should not to mix unnecessarily between class bubbles and observe good social distancing at all times. It is better to spend breaks and lunch times outside with the same group of people than to talk to lots of different groups of people during social times.
- Other virus control measures – masks, hand-washing, not coming to school if you have symptoms and instead ensuring the whole household isolates and the symptomatic person gets tested – are all extremely important.

It is a difficult time for KAA and all schools at present. **However, if staff, students and parents can work together and take on board the points I have made here we can significantly reduce risks.**

Best wishes,



David Benson
Principal