

2nd November 2020

Dear Parents & Carers,

Further to our email on 22 October, we wanted to advise you that:

- The second suspected Y9 case we mentioned in our last email tested negative, and all contacts of the first case were successfully contacted by KAA and NHS Test & Trace. The student's absence from school in the previous week due to symptoms limited contact - this was helpful.
- We have unfortunately had two further positive student cases – one in Y9 and one in Y10. Because these happened towards the end of the holiday, there are no implications for contact tracing for students and staff.
- A teacher tested positive over half term. Again, there are no implications in terms of contact tracing.

In these uncertain times we wanted to emphasise the following:

- We will always email parents if we have a confirmed case. Individual contacts will be called and isolated. We have good contact with families and are working closely with local public health teams. Parents can trust we will provide accurate and timely information via emails like this.
- School is the best place for students to be right now. There is international agreement about this. With precautions, the risks of virus transmission can be managed, and students' health, wellbeing and educational future will suffer if they miss school. Attendance is a legal requirement and students should not miss school without good reason.
- Students must wear masks, practice social distancing, wash their hands regularly and isolate and get tested if they have symptoms. We need them to show maturity and cooperation and work with us to ensure school is a safe and happy environment.

We are lucky at KAA to have the two separate sites, which allows much better social distancing and separation of year groups than most schools. If everyone does their bit, we are confident we can have a happy and productive half term, despite the difficult circumstances.

Best wishes,

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