

16 November 2020

## Confirmed COVID cases

Dear Parents & Carers,

I am afraid we have had two further staff cases of Coronavirus over the weekend (both teaching assistants, based at KAA2) and also a student case (a Year 13 student, based at KAA1).

Over the weekend and today we have communicated with anyone who may have been in contact with the affected people and instructed them to isolate. Both teaching assistants supported the same Year 7 class, and as a precaution we have isolated that entire class bubble, along with any other staff or students the teaching assistants may have been in close contact with. Please note that students who are now isolating will be provided with distance learning as best we can, and they should be checking their emails each morning for specific instructions.

I appreciate these additional cases may cause some anxiety, and would like to make the following points:

- **If your child is directly affected by this you will have already been contacted**
- Every case is discussed with Public Health England and we follow their advice closely. It is not the case that because we have isolated one Year 7 class today, there are any other Year 7 classes who are affected. The issue in this instance is not about Year 7s mixing, as no Year 7 has tested positive here.
- If we saw multiple cases in a single year group within a 14 day period then we may need to take further action. However, we are not at that point as of today.
- The general advice – that school is open and the safest place for children to be right now – still applies. Positive cases like this are difficult for KAA to manage, but sadly most London schools are going through this at present. The response in secondary schools is not based on automatic isolation of year group bubbles, as it often is in primary. Instead it focuses on isolation of close contacts.
- **Public Health England have asked me to remind all parents that if anyone in the household does have symptoms, the entire house must immediately isolate and the symptomatic person must be tested.** Please email us at [info@kaa.org.uk](mailto:info@kaa.org.uk) to inform us of the situation if this happens, and **please do not send your child back to school unless the affected person tests negative.**

As I mentioned in my last email, we are planning a Parent Q&A that will give parents a chance to raise any queries with us directly. We are working out the best way to do that virtually and will be in touch in due course. For now, I would be grateful if parents could avoid contacting us with non-urgent queries. Thank you.

Many thanks,



**David Benson**  
Principal