



## COVID Update - 16th October 2020

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Dear Students, Parents and Carers

We have had no further confirmed cases reported to us today.

I have been really pleased with the response of those students who, this week, have been asked to isolate where they have been identified as a proximity contact. Whilst they are disappointed to be missing lessons, they understand the need to follow the advice of the local health protection team to protect other members of the College community. Thank you also to parents for your continued support of the College.

I would like to emphasise how important it is for students **not** to come to College and to remain at home if they or a member of their household is displaying symptoms. Students should not return until a negative test result has been confirmed or they have isolated for the appropriate length of time and should notify their tutor of this before returning.

Today I have spoken with a Consultant from Public Health. It was an opportunity for me to summarise our approach to COVID safety and to confirm the actions we have taken when informed that a student has tested positive. They felt that the College had been thorough in responding to the advice of the local health protection team and were positive about our overall approach particularly in relation to identifying students who needed to isolate.

Public Health have offered to review the College's risk assessment to see if there are other measures we can take. They will also contact those who have tested positive to conduct backward contact testing whereby they will attempt to identify the source of infection, if possible, by considering the student's activity in the two weeks prior to developing symptoms.

I will keep you informed of further developments as I have them.

Yours sincerely

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