



15th December

Dear Parents/carers

We have been made aware of a member of our school community who has tested positive for COVID 19. The notification that a student in Year 11 had tested positive was received by the school at 7:05am this morning. This has resulted in the Year 11 bubble isolating for a period of 10 days. The parents of Year 11 students have received further details this morning in a separate letter.

This letter is to inform you of the current situation and provide advice on how to support your child. Please be reassured that for most people, coronavirus (COVID-19) will be a mild illness.

Symptoms

The most common symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) are recent onset of:

- a new continuous cough
- a high temperature
- a loss of, or change in, your normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia)

For most people, coronavirus (COVID-19) will be a mild illness.

If your child does develop symptoms, you can seek advice from the nhs.uk website at <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/check-if-you-have-coronavirus-symptoms/>. If you are concerned about your child's symptoms, or they are worsening you can seek advice from NHS 111 at <https://111.nhs.uk/> or by phoning 111.

How to stop COVID-19 spreading

There are things you can do to help reduce the risk of you and anyone you live with getting ill with COVID-19

Do

- wash your hands with soap and water often – do this for at least 20 seconds
- use hand sanitiser gel if soap and water are not available
- wash your hands as soon as you get home
- cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or your sleeve (not your hands) when you cough or sneeze
- put used tissues in the bin immediately and wash your hands afterwards

Further Information

Further information is available at <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

I am aware that the school is receiving enquiries comparing our approach to those taken by other secondary schools. Of course, I cannot comment on the risk assessment and layout of other schools, but given our buildings and measures we have in place at Nailsea, and in order to keep students, staff and families safe, positive cases have resulted in entire bubbles being isolated. This is because I cannot guarantee that all close contacts can be identified during periods of social time.

I understand that notification of another positive case within our school community can cause anxiety and concern, especially at this time of year. As mentioned the decision to isolate the whole bubble has been taken in order to protect the safety and wellbeing of the school and wider community.

Thank you for your continued understanding and support.

Take care

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "DElliott". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name of the sender.

Mrs Dee Elliott
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