



Dear Year 11 Parents,

Please forgive the late hour in which we are sending this communication.

I am very sorry to report that this evening, a Y11 student has been confirmed as positive with Covid-19. For clarity this means that we now have three members of staff, one Y9 student and one Y11 student with a confirmed diagnosis. For clarity, tomorrow I will provide details about this further case to all of our parent community but given the late hour we are now limiting this communication to just Y11 students.

As I mentioned in my earlier letter relating to the Y9 confirmed case, the local Health Protection Team are clearly under serious pressure and we are waiting on guidance. Therefore, **we are taking the precautionary step of asking all Y11 students to stay away from school tomorrow (Wednesday 23rd September)**. This will enable us to identify other Y11 students who may have been in close proximity to the diagnosed student, and to of course deep clean classrooms.

As with Y9 students, we will put in place plans for remote teaching via Office 365/Teams until we are able to bring all or part of this year group back into school. We are hopeful that we will have more news on this tomorrow, and that as many students as possible will be able to return to school on Thursday. If you have children in other year groups it is not necessary for them to isolate and may remain in school, unless anyone in your household develops symptoms.

As always, if you have any questions please contact communications@rgs.newcastle.sch.uk

With best wishes at this most difficult of times.

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Headmaster