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Dear Parent/Carer

As you know, I made contact with you yesterday to make you aware of the positive lateral flow test result for one of our pupils in Year 11 yesterday and the subsequent requirement for the year group to self-isolate whilst we awaited the result from the follow up PCR test.

Having taken the follow up PCR test, I can now confirm that the pupil in Year 11 has in fact tested positive for Covid-19.

Despite my intention to try to reduce the number of pupils needing to self-isolate with engaging in a school based track and trace process, as the whole year group mix at break and lunch, I am unable to guarantee limited contacts. Therefore, in line with guidance from Welsh Government, Environmental Health and Newport City Council, Year 11 will be required to self-isolate for a period of ten days.

The pupil in question was in school on Friday 16th April, which means that the period of isolation will be up to, and including Monday 26th April, with a **return to school date of Tuesday 27th April.**

Throughout this period staff will revert to online teaching, with assessments continuing as planned, albeit remotely. More information and guidance regarding the online teaching and remote assessments plan will follow later today.

Whilst this remains a challenging time for all of us, this measure has to be taken in order to comply with guidance and continue to work to suppress the opportunity for the virus to spread, but we will continue to do all that we can to support the pupils over the next week or so. Please reassure yourselves and your children that this is the case and if there is anything you need, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

I also ask for your support during this period of isolation/ If your child displays any Covid-19 symptoms, please request a test via <https://gov.wales/apply-coronavirus-covid-10-test> and notify the school. Anyone wishing to apply for a test can also call the free number 119 between the hours of 7.00 am and 11.00 pm. People with hearing or speech difficulties can call 18001 119.

A focus clean is taking place and all other year groups will continue to attend school as planned. There is no need for anyone who is not contacted to self-isolate or be unduly concerned.

Everyone is encouraged to remain alert to Covid-19 and continue to follow national guidance to help combat the spread of the virus. Please remind your child about the importance of social distancing outside of school and wearing a face mask when in communal areas of the school.

School staff remain vigilant to pupils displaying symptoms and are ready to take appropriate action. Parents and carers can support this by remaining alert and ensuring that children do not attend school if they develop any potential symptoms, however mild.

Please be assured that we continue to do everything within our control to minimize risk in order to keep your child safe and well whilst in school.

Best wishes



Mrs T Jarvis
Headteacher