

Queen Elizabeth's Girls' School Educating Women of the Future

Thursday 1st October

Dear Parents and Carers

Regrettably I am writing to inform you that there has been a confirmed student case of Covid-19 in the Year 9 Bubble. This means that Year 9 students are being asked to stay home and self-isolate from tomorrow. They can return to school on 12th October since the possible contact with the confirmed case was 28th September. Their siblings can attend school as usual and other household members can continue their usual activities, unless anyone in the household displays a symptom. Should anyone display a symptom, that person should self-isolate for 10 days and the remainder of the household, for 14 days, from the date the symptom appeared.

In the morning I will forward Year 9 families a letter from Public Health England, London Coronavirus Response Cell (LCRC), with further details and information for contacts of cases. I will also send Year 9 families information on arrangements for learning and teaching while Year 9 students are self-isolating. Please encourage your daughter to check her email for information relating to live lessons. Those of our Year 9 students who receive Free School Meals will also receive information tomorrow about Food Parcels that will be made available to them.

Should your daughter display a symptom and subsequently take a test, please share the result with school. I realise you may have further questions; please direct these via email to the School Office. It is important to keep our phone lines as free as possible so that we can co-ordinate follow-up in a timely manner. We appreciate the patience of Year 9 families while we await the further necessary information from LCRC which we plan to forward to them in the morning. LCRC has assured me that there is no evidence of an outbreak based in school. Please be assured this case in the Year 9 Bubble has no impact on the rest of the school due to our strict adherence to our Risk Assessment and internal control measures.

Yours faithfully

Violet Walker Headteacher