



21st September 2020

Dear Parent,

We have now been advised that there are 18 confirmed cases (staff/students) of COVID-19 within the school.

I have been in constant contact with Public Health England, the Local Authority and our Chair of Governors.

Having spoken again this afternoon with Public Health England about my concerns in the rise in numbers it has now been decided that we will take the following course of action:-

1. School will close from the end of today for **ALL year 11 students**.
2. The return date will be calculated from the last positive test result/onset of symptoms of the last case identified.
3. The return date for **ALL** year 11 students will now be **Tuesday 6th October 2020**.
4. We will now arrange for a deep clean of the Year 11 zone prior to their return.
5. Work will be put onto Show My Homework for all pupils.

All Philips High School Year 11 pupils are now **self-isolating**. Therefore they should not be out and about in the community. **They must stay at home** to help contain the virus.

COVID 19

The most common symptoms of COVID-19 are recent onset of a new continuous cough and/or a high temperature and/or a loss of, or change in, normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia). If your child, or anyone in your household, develops these symptoms, your whole household must remain at home and not go to work, school or public areas. You should arrange testing for the person who has developed symptoms. When the result is known further advice will be available.

Testing can be arranged by calling 119 or via the NHS website: nhs.uk/coronavirus

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

- 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

- maintain an appropriate social distance with non-household members of over 2 metres.

Further information is available at www.nhs.uk/coronavirus

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'T Owen', with a large, stylized initial 'T'.

Ms T Owen
HEADTEACHER