Date: Friday 16th July 2021.

<u>Letter E2 : For Parents of students Identified as Close Contacts for confirmed case on Friday 16th July.</u>

Oldbury Wells

Advice for Child to Self-Isolate for 10 Days

Dear Parent/Guardian,

We have been made aware that we have a positive case of coronavirus (COVID-19) within our Year 9 Support Bubble at Oldbury Wells School. The result is from a LFD test, therefore the family have booked a PCR test to get confirmation of the result.

Having discussed situation with PHE, those students who have been identified as close contacts will need to isolate for 10 days unless the PCR test returns a negative result.

Despite the change to guidelines from Monday next week and sending this letter following the end of the school term, national guidance, and current risk assessment with Public Health England (PHE) advisers, have identified that your child has been in close contact with the individual who has had a positive test result.

<u>In line with the national guidance, your child must stay at home and self-isolate until 23:59hrs</u> on Friday 23rd July 2021.

Should the PCR test return a negative result then there will be no requirement for your child to continue to isolate, we will inform you of the result as soon as we receive notification.

Other members of your household can continue normal activities, provided your child does not develop symptoms within the 10 day self-isolation period.

For more information, please see the guidance for contacts of people with confirmed coronavirus (COVID-19) infection who do not live with the person:

https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-for-contacts-of-people-with-possible-or-confirmed-coronavirus-covid-19-infection-who-do-not-live-with-the-person

We have set up an e-mail for families to use should there be any key questions (covid.support@oldburywells.com). Please leave your contact details and the name of your child within any communication.

As you will be aware, as a school we have strictly followed the guidance provided by government and have robust control measures in school to ensure a safe environment in school in line with all requirements. We would ask all families to follow national guidance to ensure that we all play our part in keeping our community safe.

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The timing of this case will be disappointing for you, although we have spoken to PHE in detail to ensure that our response is in line with current expectations.

As always, thank you for your support and understanding.

Yours sincerely

Lee Tristham