



HEALTH & SAFETY COMMUNICATION 5

10TH November 2020

Dear Year 7 Parents and Carers,

I write to inform you of a case of Covid-19 in school. A Year 7 student and a member of staff tested positive over the weekend.

We need to trace all contacts of anybody who tested positive. A 'contact' is somebody who was:

- Within 2 metres of a positive case for more than 15 minutes.
 - Within 1 metre of a positive case for more than 1 minute.
 - Having a face to face conversation with a positive case within 1 metre.
 - A person is considered infectious for up to 48 hours before first symptoms.
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- In the case of the student, we used seating plans and friendship groups to identify a number of students (30) who met the criteria above. These students now need to self-isolate. Appropriate work has been set and we look forward to seeing these students, once the period of self-isolation is complete. Affected families have been supported by the school through work packs or online learning resources. [Click here](#) to access your child's work during isolation. This can also be found on the school website. Please get in touch if you have any issues in accessing this by contacting Miss Brook on sbrook@newsomehigh.kirklees.sch.uk
 - We have no reason to believe that there are transmissions taking place within school. If this changes, we are ready to take more substantial action.
 - As you will already know, we made advance decisions well before the new academic year and this has proved very successful compared to the impact the virus is having on many other schools. This makes it even more important that all students understand the need for social distancing both for themselves and the wider community.





- **Communication** and clarity is key and many schools have suffered from misinformation posted on other sources such as social media. I ask in advance that any specific queries are directed straight to the school to support clear messages getting to parents. Please use the dedicated link [here](#) for the Heads of Year and the Head of Department depending on your needs.

I would like to take this opportunity to apologies for any interruption this has caused and thank you in advance for your continued support in these challenging times for all schools globally. I will keep you updated through our usual regular school updates.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D Watkin', is written over a light blue horizontal line.

D Watkin Headteacher



