

Dear Parents/Carers

Please be aware that RHSC has had a second positive case within its student body. This one is from within the College bubble. I'd like to let you know the processes we follow in such circumstances, for your information.

If your child receives a positive test result, please **tell us straight away**. We would also appreciate it if it was kept confidential at that point, so that we do not have unnecessary rumours and misinformation spreading. At that point we will -

- Draw up a list of that student's **close contacts**, with the student in question. These are others who they have been within 2 metres of for more than 15 minutes or within 1 metre of for more than 1 minute.
- We identify from seating plans others who sat beside or in front of the student in question in lessons, and add them to the list.
- We identify whether any staff have been in close contact.

Once it is complete, we contact every student on the list and their parents to let them know. At that point they have to isolate for 14 days from the last contact with the positive case. If your child develops symptoms please get them tested asap and **let us know if they test positive**.

*Note - If your child is isolating and has taken a test because they **have developed symptoms** and they test negative, they can return to school straight away.

For any positive test we then need to repeat the process above. This way we are doing all we can to get infected and potentially infected students to isolate for the recommended length of time.

We monitor the extent of any positive cases in partnership with the county outbreak centre. If at any point they advise us to send entire bubbles home we will do so. We will of course provide work. Be aware that presently the school is working hard to develop the skills needed and to ensure all required technology is in place to be able to provide a really effective, interactive remote learning experience for our pupils.

Please be assured we will always keep you as fully informed as we can, as soon as we can. Please understand there will be a short natural delay in communication at times, but we will never try to keep any cases of positive tests from you. You may hear information from other sources before we give you that information, but if that is the case please remain patient and resist the temptation to overreact.

Please feel free to contact school should you require any further clarification.

Yours sincerely

Tim Gibbs