



# HEANOR GATE SCIENCE COLLEGE

“Develop all learners to achieve their full potential”  
“Create a culture of aspiration”

Principal: **Mr S Huntington**



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Dear Parent/Carer

Over the weekend we have been informed of some further positive COVID-19 cases and, as always, I wanted to be transparent in my communication to you all. All of the cases are independent of one another and have been dealt with in meticulous detail and in an extremely swift manner.

A student in Year 11 has tested positive and was last in school on Friday 20 November 2020. The student started to show symptoms on Friday evening and was tested over the weekend. After consultation with Public Health England, we have been advised that anyone who was in “close contact” with the student up to 48hrs prior to the student showing symptoms will need to self-isolate for 14 days from that point (20 November) and thus would be able to return to school on Monday 7 December.

A student in Year 13 has tested positive and has not attended school since Thursday 19 November 2020. The student started to show symptoms over the weekend and was tested on Saturday. After consultation with Public Health England we have been advised that anyone who was in “close contact” with the student up to 48hrs prior to the student last being in school will need to self-isolate for 14 days from that point (19 November) and thus would be able to return to school on Friday 4 December.

A student in Year 10 has tested positive and has not attended school since Wednesday 18 November 2020. The student started to show symptoms on Wednesday evening and was tested on Saturday. After consultation with Public Health England we have been advised that anyone who was in “close contact” with the student up to 48hrs prior to the student last being in school will need to self-isolate for 14 days from that point (18 November) and thus would be able to return to school on Thursday 3 December.

As always our thoughts are with the students and their family and we wish them a speedy recovery. We have contacted all close contacts separately and, as a precaution, we have also asked any siblings of close contacts to remain at home for the same time frame.

As a reminder, all students who are isolating must do exactly that. Last week we had a number of incidents where students who were isolating were seen out in the community during the evenings. Obviously the guidance around isolating must be followed and students should remain in their homes for the full period of their isolation. For further information, please follow the government’s ‘stay at home’ guidance:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-households-with-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection>

As always, we pride ourselves on our blended learning provision and I have every confidence that the remote learning being accessed by students isolating will not disadvantage them in any way. This week we are trialling a new method of inviting some students to dial into classroom lessons remotely from home. If successful, this will support the ever growing number of students having to isolate and work from home. We will be in touch next week with further information and guidance around this.

If you have any specific concerns around your child, please contact your child's Achievement Leader or Assistant Achievement Leader.

Yours sincerely

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