



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

We have been informed of an isolated positive COVID-19 case in Year 9.

The student tested positive on Thursday 10 December and was last in school on Wednesday 9 December 2020. The student was asymptomatic and was tested as a result of close contact tracing outside of school. 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 test taking place will need to self-isolate for 14 days from the last point of contact.

As always our thoughts are with the student 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 school we always pride ourself 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.

It is fortunate for the close contacts that their isolation period will expire on Christmas Eve. However, from this point on, any future cases are likely to have a direct impact on families' Christmas celebrations. Once again, I urge the whole school community to be extra cautious around social distancing and hand hygiene and ask that, if you have any concerns at all around symptoms, you err on the side of caution and do not send your child into school.

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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