



EGGBUCKLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE

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FOR CONTACTS/ PARENTS OF CLOSE CONTACTS OF COVID 19 at Eggbuckland Community College

Dear Parent / Carer of a child in our **Year 9**,

We have been advised by Public Health England that there has been one confirmed case of COVID-19 within our **Year 9 bubble**. This information came on Saturday evening and as such it has been difficult to fully research which students may be directly at risk from 'close and prolonged contact'.

I fully understand the importance of making the right decision: imposing a full year 9 isolation for two weeks will inevitably impact heavily on our community for the next 14 days. However, if from our research tomorrow (Monday) it looks like we can keep the number of students isolating to a minimum, this will help to ensure the majority of students continue their education with us until Thursday 22nd October, (Friday 23rd is a staff training day and therefore the College is closed).

Therefore, it is important that you keep your Year 9 son / daughter in isolation at home on Monday 19th October. Depending on our research and further conversations with Public Health England, this may be extended for all or some students.

Students from all other year groups should attend as normal.

We will let Year 9 parents/carers know the results of our research by **2pm on Monday 19th October** and be clear about whether the whole year OR individuals within the year are to self-isolate for a further 13 days.

What to do if your child develops symptoms of COVID 19

If your child develops symptoms of COVID-19, they should remain at home for at least 10 days from the date when their symptoms appeared. Anyone with symptoms will be eligible for testing and this can be arranged via <https://www.nhs.uk/ask-for-a-coronavirus-test> or by calling 119.

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People who do not have symptoms should not request a test unless this has been specifically requested by Public Health England or the local authority.

All other household members who remain well must stay at home and not leave the house for 14 days. This includes anyone in your 'Support Bubble'.

The 14-day period starts from the day when the first person in the house became ill.

Household members should not go to work, school or public areas and exercise should be taken within the home. If you require help with buying groceries, other shopping or picking up medication, or walking a dog, you should ask friends or family. Alternatively, you can order your shopping online and medication by phone or online.

Household members staying at home for 14 days will greatly reduce the overall amount of infection the household could pass on to others in the community

If you are able can, move any vulnerable individuals (such as the elderly and those with underlying health conditions) out of your home, to stay with friends or family for the duration of the home isolation period

Please see the link to the PHE '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>

Further Information

Further information is available at

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

Yours sincerely

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