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BEDFORD HIGH SCHOOL
A Specialist Business and Enterprise College
with Applied Learning
Headteacher: Mrs H J Phillips

October 2020

Dear Parents/Guardians,

We have been advised that there is a confirmed case of Covid -19 within the year 9 year group bubble. In line with national guidance, in order to prevent transmission of the virus, we have consulted with the Health Authorities who have advised us of the dates that the 'bubble' must self-isolate. **This is 14 days from the date of last contact with the index case.** Consequently, we need to ask **Year 9** to self-isolate until Tuesday 27th October. Year 9 will return to school after the half term break on Monday 2nd November. We are asking you to do this to reduce the further spread of Covid-19 to others in the community.

If your child is well at the end of the period of self-isolation, then they can return to usual activities but they must self-isolate for the duration of the dates above.

Other members of your household can continue normal activities provided your child does not develop symptoms within the self-isolation period.

What to do if your child develops symptoms of Covid-19

The most common symptoms of Coronavirus (Covid-19) are recent onset of:

- New continuous cough and/or
- High temperature and/or
- A loss of, or change in, normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia)

If your child develops symptoms of Covid-19, they should remain at home for at least 10 days from the date when symptoms appeared. You should arrange for your child to be tested.

All other household members who remain well must stay at home and not leave the house for 14 days.

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

As always, we will support you and your child as much as possible and will be assigning work for each lesson every school day. To support this, we would like to highlight the following:

- All the resources and instructions for the work will be posted on Frog which is accessible from the school website www.bedfordhighschool.co.uk where you will also find information and support for completing remote learning effectively. This includes support on IT that we use to support remote learning including Frog, and Office 365.
- We will issue the work in line with your child's timetable so they should receive work for each of the 5 Periods each day.
- Students will have Zoom lessons for some of the timetabled lessons. The teacher will notify you and your child of when this will be on Frog. Teachers will also send the Zoom link, ID and password for the Zoom meeting. It is important that your child does not share this link with anyone else and they should use their full name on the Zoom profile so that it is recognisable to the teacher. We will expect high standards of behaviour, safety and learning focus whilst using Zoom.

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- It will be important for your child to attend all scheduled Zoom lessons so that they can benefit from the best remote learning experience. Zoom is an easily accessible platform and works well on laptops, tablet devices and phones.
- All subject teachers will also be setting tasks to complete independently to allow students to consolidate and practice their learning. These tasks will also be posted on Frog and work should be submitted to the teacher via school email.
- Core PE practical lessons (Games) will not be taught.
- If you have any issues/concerns about accessing ICT equipment to receive these lessons please contact r.ramsden@bedford.wigan.sch.uk who will work with you to resolve this.
- Please see below a reminder of our school day:

School Day 2020-21

	<u>Year 7</u>	<u>Years 8 & 9</u>	<u>Years 10 & 11</u>
08.30-08.50	Form Period/Assembly		
08.50-09.50	Period 1		
09.50-11.10	Period 2 09.50-10.20 Break 10.20-10.40 Period 2 10.40-11.10	Break 09.50-10.10 Period 2 10.10-11.10	Period 2 09.50-10.50 Break 10.50-11.10
11.10-12.10	Period 3		
12.10-13.40	Period 4 12.10-12.40 Lunch 12.40-13.10 Period 4 13.10-13.40	Lunch 12.10-12.40 Period 4 12.40-13.40	Period 4 12.10-13.10 Lunch 13.10-13.40
13.40-14.40	Period 5		
	KS4 Catch Up/Revision 14.40-15.30		

You will of course understand that this is a decision that we would prefer not to have had to take but we are obliged to follow Public Health guidance and protect everyone as far as we are able to. We request your patience and support so that we can continue to offer your child a quality education. Key messages, including this letter will be posted on our website and signposted on our Facebook page – Bedford High School live. We will also email information to those parents for whom we have an email address. **I would urge parents to provide us with the best email address to contact you on if you have not already provided us with it.** We will be available to support any problems that you might encounter during remote learning. Students can email teachers if they get stuck or need clarification. You can also contact school via email on enquiries@bedford.wigan.sch.uk or for ICT related issues via techsupport@bedford.wigan.sch.uk

Please err on the side of caution. If your child is unwell, keep them at home until they feel better. It is crucial that you look out for the signs and symptoms of Covid-19 and if they appear, you must organise a test as soon as possible. If your child receives a positive test result, please can you inform the school.

Thank you for your continued support and understanding at this difficult and challenging time.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'H. J. Phillips'.

Mrs H Phillips
Headteacher