



7th December 2020

Dear parent/carer,

Re: Closure of Year 11 bubble.

I am very sorry that yesterday I had to inform you about the closure of the Year 11 bubble due to additional positives cases. These decisions are made with the guidance of Public Health England and the Department of Education driven by the safety of pupils and staff. Thank you for your continued support and understanding. I fully appreciate the additional anxiety created for our year 11 pupils and their families in the final year of school.

All year 11 pupils are now required to self-isolate until the end of term. As outlined in the government guidance this means that pupils are to remain at home at all times, they can go outside but only in the garden. At this time it is really important that parents ensure that their child complies with the government rules to prevent infection transmission. If your child develops symptoms, they must get a test. The guidance is attached here for your reference.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

- 1. Today lessons will be downloaded from the google drive for one day only.**
- 2. Please set up Microsoft Teams at home for tomorrow and organise a space to work.**
- 3. Your child is to follow their normal timetable from tomorrow and receive their lessons through Microsoft Teams.**
- 4. All pupils will receive Live TEAMS lessons from Tuesday 8th December up to and including lesson 1&2 and a form tutor session lesson 3 on Friday 18th December.**
- 5. Exams will move to the first week back after Christmas. Teachers will explain to pupils in their lessons what they need to prepare for these.**
- 6. Instructions regarding accessing Microsoft Teams is on the school website.**
- 7. Pupils who receive Free School Meals will receive vouchers in the post.**

If you informed us that you require IT equipment at the start of term we will make contact with you today to arrange this. If you have any questions do not hesitate to contact school by email for the attention of Mr. Shaqur or call reception on 0121 464 5566.

Enquiry@queensbridge.bham.sch.uk

What to do if your child develops symptoms of COVID 19.

If your child develops symptoms of COVID-19 whilst self-isolating they are eligible for testing and this can be arranged via <https://www.nhs.uk/ask-for-a-coronavirus-test>.

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In addition to this if your child develops symptom 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'.

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

Symptoms

The most common symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) are recent onset of:

- a new continuous cough
- a high temperature
- a loss of, or change in, your normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia)

How to stop COVID-19 spreading

There are things you can do to help reduce the risk of you and anyone you live with getting ill with COVID-19.

Do

- wash your hands with soap and water often – do this for at least 20 seconds
- use hand sanitiser gel if soap and water are not available
- wash your hands as soon as you get home
- cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or your sleeve (not your hands) when you cough or sneeze
- put used tissues in the bin immediately and wash your hands afterwards

None of us wanted the term to finish in this way, it has been the most challenging and unpredictable few months. Supporting year 11 through their final year is our biggest priority; the whole staff team are completely engaged with the emotions and anxieties of the year group: you have our absolute commitment to supporting all pupils with whatever it takes.

Please stay safe and do not hesitate to contact school if you have any questions.

Kind regards



H Reeves
Headteacher

