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## FOR CONTACTS/ PARENTS OF CLOSE CONTACTS OF COVID 19 at The Dean Academy

### Advice for child to self-isolate immediately for precautionary measures

Dear Parent/Carer

#### Isolation advice

We have been made aware that a child in year 10 has tested positive for Covid-19 using a Lateral Flow Test this morning. We have undertaken a risk assessment and have identified that your child has been in close contact with the case during a time when they would have been infectious to others. In line with the national guidance, your child needs to now stay at home and self-isolate as a precautionary measure whilst we await the results of a confirmatory PCR test. We are asking you to do this to reduce the further spread of COVID-19 to others in the community.

Individuals who test positive as part of an asymptomatic rapid testing programme (e.g. the regular testing at home or at school of people who do not have symptoms) are advised to take a follow-up PCR test. If the follow-up PCR is negative, and there is no further evidence of COVID-19 infection, we will re-write to you to advise that your child no longer needs to isolate. If the follow-up PCR is positive, we will contact you.

#### Advice for all close contacts

People who are isolating because they are close contacts of a confirmed case of COVID-19 are now encouraged to take a PCR test. This is recommended for contacts who don't have any symptoms as well as those who do.

Close contacts can book a PCR test via [Get a free PCR test to check if you have coronavirus \(COVID-19\) - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#) or by calling 119. If the test is positive, you will be provided with further advice by the NHS Test and Trace service. Please also advise the school of the positive result at the first opportunity.

If the PCR test is negative, the close contact **must** continue to isolate until 17<sup>th</sup> July 2021. This is because they could still be incubating the virus for up to 10 days after close contact.

#### Advice for contacts who develop symptoms

If your child develops symptoms of COVID-19 at any time, please isolate as a household and book a test for the person with symptoms (even if they have already taken a test). Symptoms of COVID-19 are:

- A new, continuous cough, and/or





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- A temperature, and/or
- A loss of, or change to, sense of test and/or smell.

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### **Leaving isolation and returning to school**

If your child is well at the end of the 10 days period of self-isolation, then they can return to usual activities.

Other members of your household can continue normal activities provided your child does not develop symptoms or test positive within the 10-day self-isolation period.

Yours sincerely

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