



Hinckley Academy and John Cleveland Sixth Form Centre

Butt Lane, Hinckley, Leicestershire, LE10 1LE Head of School: Ms Azizah Pathan

17th September 2020

Dear Parent(s)/Carer(s),

Re: Confirmed positive COVID-19 case at HAJC6

As you will be aware, yesterday we received confirmation that a member of staff at Hinckley Academy tested positive for COVID-19. This member of staff has not been in school this week and as soon as we received confirmation of the positive test we contacted Public Health England East Midlands and have closely followed all their advice and guidance.

Our internal tracking quickly identified those students who may have been in contact (considering factors such as proximity and duration) and would need to self-isolate. We decided to contact all parents notifying them of the situation, before sending a further communication to the parents of the identified students. The students who needed to self-isolate were sent home before lunchtime yesterday, to avoid any further mixing with other students. We were very appreciative of the quick and supportive response of the parents who we messaged.

When we reviewed and checked all decisions at the end of the school day, we were able to contact some students who had been sent home as a precautionary measure to let them know they can now come back in. We also contacted a small number of additional students to ask them to self-isolate.

We continue to closely follow all government guidelines and Public Health England have assured us that only people identified as having been in close contact need to self-isolate: there is no need for 'contacts of contacts' to self-isolate. So, for example, brothers and sisters or friends of students who are self-isolating do not need to stay off school. Detailed advice and more guidance is available online at nhs.uk/coronavirus or by 'phoning 119.

We were so impressed by the maturity of our students yesterday. When we explained to some that they were being asked to self-isolate they remained calm and co-operative. Those who stayed in school were sensible and asked questions thoughtfully. We reassured them that by carefully following the government guidance for schools, we are doing our utmost to keep our students safe and in school wherever possible. There is rigorous cleaning to ensure any potential coronavirus transmission is minimised and students are reminded frequently about the key messages for keeping themselves safe in school.

If your child is one of the students self-isolating:

- Your child must self-isolate until Saturday 26th September and can return to school on Monday 28th September – This reflects 14 days since the member of staff was last in school - unless your child experiences symptoms of COVID-19 or have tested positive for COVID-19.
- Teachers will set work on Firefly for all students who are at home. Please contact the Head of Year in the first place with any questions about the work or for help with getting on to firefly.

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For all students:

- Please contact the academy immediately if your child develops symptoms of COVID-19 or tests positive for COVID-19.

Thank you again for supporting and working with us to keep the HAJC6 community as safe as we can in these challenging times. Please contact us if you have any questions or comments.

Yours Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A. Pathan'. The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'A' and a horizontal line across the middle of the name.

Ms A Pathan – Interim Head of School