

1st October 2020

Ref: ESB/HLD

Dear Parents and Carers

I am writing to inform you that we have been notified of a positive Covid-19 test result from a pupil in Year 10. The pupil concerned was last in school on Monday 28th September but only received a positive test yesterday, and the school was notified today. Following guidance from Public Health England, we have been advised that pupils in year 10 need to self-isolate for 14 days from Monday 28th September until Monday 12th October in order to complete the full 14 days.

This means they can return to school on Tuesday 13th October unless they display any Covid-19 symptoms, as listed below:

- **a high temperature** – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)
- **a new, continuous cough** – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- **a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste** – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

I know that this will be unsettling for your child and I would like to apologise for this further disruption to their education. On their return to school we will do everything we can to reassure them as well as prioritise everyone's safety in school and the wider community.

We will be providing lessons for your child through the VLE (www.yardleys-vle.com) which can be accessed via the section called 'My Courses'. This means that they should follow their usual timetable each day, and complete all the set work and homework required by their teachers. Pupils can also send messages to their teachers via the VLE if they require further help or support. We have also provided textbooks in English and Maths for your child to work through at home.

If you have children in other year groups still in school – i.e. years 7, 8, 9 and 11 – they can still attend school unless they develop any symptoms. If anyone develops any of the symptoms above, they should stay at home for 10 days and seek a test by phoning 119 or through the government website.

Please note that on return to school on Tuesday 13th October, you will need to provide your child with a mask to be worn in communal areas such as school corridors.

Please do not hesitate to contact the school at enquiry@yardleys.bham.sch.uk with any concerns or queries. Pupils can also contact Mr Sohal by emailing satinderpal.sohal@yardleys.bham.sch.uk or calling 0121 464 5638. A member of staff will also telephone you to discuss any issues.

Yours sincerely



Mr Brynley Evans
Headteacher