

Sunday 15 March 2020

Dear Parents/Carers

Unconfirmed case of Covid 19 in a Wootton Academy Trust student

The Trust has been informed today that a Trust student, mainly based at Kimberley College, but with a few lessons on the Wootton Upper School site, started to feel unwell on Thursday evening. The student felt no better on Friday morning and made the decision not to come into College for lessons. Yesterday the student reported their symptoms to NHS 111. The symptoms include a raised temperature and coughing; the same symptoms as others who have confirmed Coronavirus. The student was told to rest and to stay at home. Today, the specialist NHS 111 team has telephoned the student again and indicated that they *believe* it is coronavirus and, therefore, the student should self-isolate for the next seven days. The student's symptoms are not severe and under the latest guidance, no test will be carried out to confirm whether the student has Coronavirus. We wish the student and their family well.

During the day, the Trust has spoken to Public Health England and also to NHS 111. Additionally, the Trust is following the advice on the government's website. Key elements of the verbal and website advice are:

- The Trust informs you of this unconfirmed case and, in particular, any students who are likely to have worked closely with the student for an extended period [the Trust is informing everybody];
- The Trust arranges for those areas of the College and School where the student was taught and communal areas to be cleaned thoroughly; arrangements have been made this afternoon for the relevant accommodation to be thoroughly cleaned AGAIN before lessons start tomorrow;
- The Trust informs you that there is no reason for other students to not attend lessons, even students who worked closely with the student who has the symptoms of Coronavirus, unless they feel unwell with the symptoms of Coronavirus. If any of these students, or indeed anybody else, does have a raised temperature [e.g. 38 – 41 centigrade], coughing etc, they should self-isolate; the Trust has contacted four students who worked most closely with the student who is suspected to have Coronavirus;
- The Trust reminds everybody that the most important strategy is to educate everybody of good hygiene standards, regular washing of hands, using a tissue and disposing of it appropriately.

We are all very aware of the urgent need to delay the virus spreading for as long as possible. Given the situation has reached a stage where there may well be a case of the virus in our community, I will confirm **tomorrow** whether this week's scheduled Year 9 parents/carer consultation at Wootton Upper School should take place.

The school and college will be open as normal tomorrow. We will be reminding all students of the need to wash their hands regularly. Tomorrow's A level Drama examination will take place as planned.

Yours sincerely

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