



EGGBUCKLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE

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COVID 19 at Eggbuckland Community College

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Dear Parent / Carer of a child in our **Year 7**

We have been advised by Public Health England that there has been a confirmed case of COVID-19 within our **Year 7 bubble**. The student was at Eggbuckland on Monday 9th and felt poorly that evening. He has not attended Eggbuckland since. The COVID-19 test undertaken on Wednesday came back positive today, meaning the student in question was in College for one day when he/she may have been infectious.

In order to reduce the number of students isolating to a minimum, we were quick to identify all the students with whom this student had prolonged contact and also those with whom he/she had sat next to in lessons. This research initially identified about 30 students and they were immediately collected by parents to isolate. Following a second conversation with Public Health England, our actions were supported and it was agreed no further actions were necessary to ensure all students remained safe. **Therefore, only the students who were sent home today are required to isolate for 14 days. The return date to Eggbuckland will be Monday 30th November.** For these students, Mr Crawford will be emailing information to each student's email account with more details about how to access our resources and what you will be covering from home. Other members of your household can continue normal activities provided your child does not develop symptoms within the 14 day self-isolation period. If students at home have technical difficulties, please contact our ICT team on ictsupport@eggbuckland.com

It is 'business as usual' for all the Year 7 students who have not already been sent home to isolate. We look forward to seeing you on Monday 16th November. If parents / carers have any concerns you would like to be addressed, please contact Emilie Lourdelet (elourdelet@eggbuckland.com) or Mrs Kinrade (vkinrade@eggbuckland.com).

Please also be aware that a member of our canteen staff has also been tested positive for Covid and as a result our kitchens have been closed. **Therefore, for the next two weeks your son/daughter will have to bring their own packed lunch to school as no food can be purchased.** For families on Free School Meals, we will be transferring money to your account. You will receive information about this separately.

Thank you in anticipation of your understanding and support, it is really appreciated.

Yours sincerely

Matthew Corrigan
CEO/Principal

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Chair of Trustees

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What to do if your child develops symptoms of COVID 19

If your child develops symptoms of COVID-19, they should remain at home for at least 10 days from the date when their symptoms appeared. Anyone with symptoms will be eligible for testing and this can be arranged via <https://www.nhs.uk/ask-for-a-coronavirus-test> or by calling 119 .

People who do not have symptoms should not request a test unless this has been specifically requested by Public Health England or the local authority.

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'.

The 14-day period starts from the day when the first person in the house became ill.

Household members should not go to work, school or public areas and exercise should be taken within the home. If you require help with buying groceries, other shopping or picking up medication, or walking a dog, you should ask friends or family. Alternatively, you can order your shopping online and medication by phone or online.

Household members staying at home for 14 days will greatly reduce the overall amount of infection the household could pass on to others in the community

If you are able can, move any vulnerable individuals (such as the elderly and those with underlying health conditions) out of your home, to stay with friends or family for the duration of the home isolation period

Please see the link to the PHE 'Stay at Home' Guidance:

<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 of COVID 19

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

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

For most people, coronavirus (COVID-19) will be a mild illness.

If your child does develop symptoms, you can seek advice from the nhs.uk website at <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/check-if-you-have-coronavirus-symptoms/>. If you are concerned about your child's symptoms, or they are worsening you can seek advice from NHS 111 at <https://111.nhs.uk/> or by phoning 111.

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

Further Information

Further information is available at <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>



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