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Dear Parents/Carers

Positive COVID cases at Chantry Academy

You will have received a letter outlining that there have been several cases of COVID-19 at the school. Over the weekend four students have tested positive whilst using the home Lateral Flow Test kits.

One student is in Year 7, two students in Year 9 and one student in Year 10; these cases appear to be unrelated and are being treated as separate cases. Following the Public Health England advice those who test positive with a home test, need to self-isolate for 10 days alongside those who are deemed to be close contacts.

We have identified those students who meet the following "Close contact" criteria below and they are no longer onsite.

Close contact is a person who has been close to someone who has tested positive for COVID-19. You can be a contact any time from 2 days before the person who tested positive developed their symptoms (or, if they did not have any symptoms, from 2 days before the date their positive test was taken), and up to 10 days after, as this is when they can pass the infection on to others. A risk assessment may be undertaken to determine this, but a contact can be:

- anyone who lives in the same household as another person who has COVID-19 symptoms or has tested positive for COVID-19
- anyone who has had any of the following types of contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19:
 - face-to-face contact including being coughed on or having a face-to-face conversation within one metre
 - been within one metre for one minute or longer without face-to-face contact
 - been within 2 metres of someone for more than 15 minutes (either as a one-off contact, or added up together over one day)
 - travelled in the same vehicle or a plane

An interaction through a Perspex (or equivalent) screen with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19 is not usually considered to be a contact, as long as there has been no other contact such as those in the list above.

Thank you for your cooperation

Yours faithfully

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