



The Sutton Academy

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Principal: Mr Paul Willerton

Monday 16 November 2020

Dear Parent/Carer of Year 11

As you will be aware, as an academy we have taken an approach which has involved our own Track and Trace in year group bubbles to avoid whole year groups self-isolating. So far this has been successful, with no multiple cases in year groups in the immediate timeframe of a positive case and has meant we have kept the majority of students in their education on site.

Unfortunately, in Year 11 we have had five positive cases in the last 7 days. There does not appear an obvious link to the cases. We are also waiting on a number of other test results for Year 11 students.

I met with Public Health England and the Local Authority this evening to discuss the situation and they have praised the approach and steps that we have taken to keep students and staff safe. I have been determined to avoid a year group bubble closure but unfortunately due to the high numbers in the year, I now have no choice.

All Year 11 students will need to self-isolate for 14 days, the first day counting as their last possible contact with a positive case, which would be Friday 13 November. **Students in Year 11 will then be able to return to the academy on Friday 27 November.**

Year 11 Mock Examinations are being postponed to enable the maximum number of students possible to sit them. Further details will follow once a final decision has been made.

Whilst your child is at home, they can continue to access their learning via the online platform Satchel One. These should include PowerPoint presentations which are narrated with audio explanations for students to follow. If your child needs further support they can access this by clicking the link provided in the homework task for Satchel One during the timetabled time for that lesson. This will allow them to enter a waiting room on Zoom where the teacher will be waiting to answer any questions verbally. Students **must** use their full name so teachers can admit them from the waiting room to address any questions they may have. Once the lesson has ended, the teacher will no longer be available to support, we would therefore advise that all students follow their normal timetable as far as possible whilst they are at home.

Please do not hesitate to contact us with any queries or concerns.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mr P. Willerton

Principal

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