



# Kirkby High School

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Dear Parent/Carer,

I have no doubt that you are aware that we have a small number of students from each year group who have each received a positive COVID-19 test result. In year 8, there are multiple positive cases and therefore the year group are now learning from home, engaging in live lessons. I have implemented advice given from Public Health England and tracked any students that individuals had close contact with within school on relevant days and communicated this to families.

## **All students who are being directed to self-isolate have been contacted separately.**

Having met with Public Health England, I am reassured that we are doing everything we can at Kirkby High School to minimise the number of positive cases and that this increase is a reflection of what is happening externally in the wider community and region. We regularly remind the students that restrictions are still in place nationally and I ask that you support us in reminding your children of the same. It is also very important that if your child is required to self-isolate that they should therefore not socialise during the evenings or weekends until the self-isolation period is over.

We are continuing to follow the safety measures already in place in school, which include:

- Encouraging students to wear masks, unless exempt
- Directing staff to wear masks where they are unable to stay 2 metres apart
- Teaching students in their 'bubbles' or year groups
- Teaching KS3 in form groups
- Encouraging physical distancing wherever possible
- Directing students to sanitise their hands on arrival and continue to wash/sanitise their hands regularly throughout the day
- Ensuring that there is an enhanced cleaning schedule in place throughout the school day
- Providing students with equipment
- Implementing staggered breaks, lunchtimes and finishing times
- Ensuring that staff follow the government guidance on social distancing

We are working very hard to ensure that we minimise any disruption to your child's education. If you have any specific questions about your child or the current context, please contact school via telephone or email [admin@kirkbyhighschool.net](mailto:admin@kirkbyhighschool.net)

I know that this may cause you anxiety but we are here to support you if you need us.

Yours faithfully

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Headteacher