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Dear Parents and Carers

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After seeking further advice and guidance today from Public Health England, I am writing to inform you that your son/daughter has been identified as a close contact of a second Y7 student in this bubble has tested positive for COVID-19.

The Local Authority and Public Health England advise that year 7 Brown and 7 Baker girls who have been in close contact should self-isolate until Friday 27th November 11.59pm. Therefore, your child's first day back in school will be **Monday 30th November**. We look forward to welcoming your son/daughter back to school on this date. This is a period of 14 days from when they last had contact with the second person affected. If your son/daughter in year 7 has any brothers or sisters in another year group at our school or any other school/college, they can still go to school unless they or someone in your household develops symptoms.

The main symptoms of COVID-19 include:

- **a high temperature** – this means they may feel hot to touch on their chest or back (you do not need to take their temperature with a thermometer)
- **a new, continuous cough** – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if they usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- **a loss or change to their sense of smell or taste** – this means they may tell you that they cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different.

Should your child, or other household members start to develop symptoms of COVID-19 please arrange to get them tested.

To book a free COVID-19 test, visit the NHS website or phone the NHS on 119:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/testing-and-tracing/get-a-test-to-check-if-you-have-coronavirus/>

You can get a test at a testing site, or by asking for a home testing kit.

I can assure you that our school is very careful to make sure everyone follows Government, Local Authority and Public Health guidance for cleaning, hygiene and social distancing.

In the event of your child or a member of your household developing symptoms or testing positive please inform the school immediately.

Our school is still open to all other children unless previously notified of the need to self-isolate.

Information about coronavirus (COVID-19) is available on the government website: <https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>

Your child will continue to access online education via TEAMS. If you have any issues accessing online materials, please let us know at the school by emailing parentict@cottinghamhigh.net

We realise that this continues to be an anxious time for our families and would like to reassure you that the health, safety and wellbeing of our young people and staff is our core priority. We thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Loz Wilson'.

Loz Wilson
Headteacher

