



Date: 23rd November 2020

Dear Parent / Carer,

Advice for Students in the Football Academy to Self-Isolate

Following a number of requests from parents I am writing to you with an explanation of the procedures used to determine whether students need to self-isolate following a positive test result for Covid-19.

When the school receives notification of a positive test we follow procedures laid down by Public Health England and the Local Authority Outbreak Team.

The school carries out a risk-assessment to determine close contacts (staff or students) who need to self-isolate.

This is based on:

- the likely time of infectiousness;
- classrooms students were in;
- where they sat within the classroom;
- training teams for practical activities;
- year group;
- transport to and from school;
- mixing at social times;
- other students reported as close contacts.

For classroom-based lessons the teacher's seating plan is used to establish close contacts. The pupil who tested positive for Covid-19 is identified and a circle 2m drawn from them on the seating plan. Any student who is fully or partially within the circle is classed as being close contacts as they are less than 2m from the student for 15 minutes or more.

For practical sessions the training team and the year group are used to establish contacts. Where a student is in the same training team and the same year group the risk of transmission is heightened and they are also classed as being a close contact.

Employing risk-assessments in this way, and also the other mitigation steps the Football Academy employs, has meant we have been able to reduce the number of students who need to self-isolate when there is a positive case. This has come down from the whole Football Academy of almost 100 students, at the start of the year, to around 20 students now. We are unable to reduce this any further as that would lead to an increase the risk of transmission.

Finally, we would like to thank you for your continued support.

We understand the difficulties you and your child face when they have to self-isolate and the sacrifices they have made to keep themselves, their families, their fellow students and their communities safe.

Yours faithfully,

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Mr Robison
Deputy Headteacher

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Mr Jones
Head of Football Academy