



# THE KING'S SCHOOL

GRANTHAM

7 September 2020

Dear Students, Parents & Carers,

On Wednesday 2 September the school was open for Year 7 students. After school on Wednesday 2 September a Year 7 student in Foxe House developed the symptoms of a cold. He did not return to school on Thursday or Friday that week. He took a Covid-19 test on Thursday 3 September and on Sunday 6 September the test came back as positive. This student does not travel to school by bus.

The school was made aware of the positive result on the morning of Monday 7 September. The school contacted Public Health England (PHE) and as a result of completing a risk assessment with PHE East Midlands, the school followed their advice to send Year 7 students home.

Staff who taught the student on Wednesday 2 September were also sent home.

All Year 7 students and all relevant staff are now isolating for 14 days. The families of the Year 7 students do not need to self-isolate. Year 7 students will therefore return to school on Friday 18 September.

If any of the students or staff develop any of the following symptoms they need to contact the NHS Track and Trace system and follow their advice.

- A high temperature – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature).
- A new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or three or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough it may be worse than usual).
- A loss or change to your sense of taste or smell – this means you have noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal.

Any Year 7 student or staff affected that receives a negative test will still be required to self-isolate for the full 14 days.

Thank you for your continued support. As I am sure that you can appreciate the decision to close the school for a Year group is complicated and I would like to publicly thank Public Health England and my colleagues for their help and support.

Yours sincerely,

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