



THE DEAN TRUST
Lord Derby Academy

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9th July 2021

Advice for Child to not return to school until **Tuesday 20th July 2021.**

Dear Parent/Carer

Today, we have received notification of a confirmed case of COVID-19 within our school community. The case is in **an identified group within the Year 8 bubble**. We have followed the national guidance from Public Health England. We have identified that your child is part of this group and has therefore been in possible close contact with the affected child.

In line with the national guidance, your child should now stay at home and self-isolate. Your child can return to school on **Tuesday 20th July 2021 - providing they are well.** We are asking you to do this to reduce the further spread of COVID-19 to others in the community. A negative test result during the isolation period does not mean that your child can return to school earlier than **Tuesday 20th July 2021.**

As schools return to full attendance, we understand parents' frustration when their child is asked to isolate at home, either after testing positive for coronavirus (COVID-19), or because of being in close contact of someone who has tested positive.

However self-isolation is one of the most important things we can do to help stop the spread of the virus and help protect our friends, family and our community. Around one in three people with coronavirus (COVID-19) have no symptoms, and so finding and isolating these hidden cases quickly will help to stop outbreaks before they have a chance to develop.

The school will ensure your child continues to receive their education whilst at home. Your child will be provided with remote learning activities at home via Classcharts and Google Classroom. Please contact the school if you cannot access these platforms from home.

As Headteacher, I would like to reassure you that we are continuing to take the necessary actions to keep all members of our LDA community as safe as possible. I am supported in this endeavour by The Dean Trust, school governors and Knowsley Local Authority.

I thank you for your continued support and understanding during these challenging and uncertain times.

Yours sincerely,

Miss V. Gowan
Headteacher

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