








In the event of a confirmed case of Covid-19...

	<p>School will immediately carry out their own Track and Trace investigation: locating seating plans from all the student's classes, finding out who they have been with at lunchtime and travelling to and from school. Close contacts are then collected from their lessons and these students are isolated in the main hall, or weather permitting, on the front lawn. Trafford Public Health and the DfE are notified and any additional advice received is followed.</p>
	<p>Parents/carers will receive a telephone call to inform them that their child has been identified as a close contact and will need to collect them as soon as possible. Students are not permitted to use public transport to get home. Year 12 and Year 13 students are permitted to walk home if they live close to school. Students must be collected by a member of their own household. Parents must ensure school has been informed of any changes to phone numbers.</p>
	<p>A letter will be emailed to all parents/carers of students who have been sent home to self-isolate. This will be issued within 24 hours of the child being collected. This will give the date the student can return to school, which will be 14 days after their last contact with the positive case. Contacts must self-isolate for the period given. Other members of the household do not need to self-isolate. There is no need to get a test for Covid-19 unless any symptoms develop.</p>

Whilst a student is self-isolating...

	<p>Every teacher will use Microsoft Teams to set work and share resources to ensure that they can continue to make progress in their subject. Students are responsible for ensuring that they access this work and keep in contact with their teachers, flagging up any problems and responding to their teachers' messages. Work will be posted on the day that the lesson would take place, although not necessarily at the time of the lesson.</p>
	<p>Wherever possible and appropriate, teachers will use live streaming of lessons so that self-isolating students can hear and see what is happening in lessons. Webcams have recently been purchased by the PTA to enable this. Most will be Teams video calls, however some teachers are using Zoom to take advantage of features such as breakout rooms to enable students to collaborate. Students who are well should attend all live lessons, if asked to do so; they should inform teachers if there is a reason why they cannot attend.</p>
	<p>There will be work that will be assessed by their teachers. This may be set as online assignments, they may be asked to upload photographs of work, they may have tests and quizzes to complete and specific websites may also be used to assess progress. It is important for students to meet deadlines set by their teachers. There will also be opportunities for self-assessment similar to those that students experience in school.</p>
	<p>There is still pastoral support available. Form tutors will ask self-isolating students to join them on Teams at registration. If a student is struggling, they should contact their form tutor for support. Assemblies and form activities will be shared. Self-isolating students should stay in touch with friends and ensure they pursue other screen-free interests and hobbies, such as the PTA-funded online fitness sessions. Vulnerable students will continue to receive regular contact and support.</p>

Note: students who are absent from school because they are ill (either with Covid-19 or another illness) are not expected to be working whilst ill. It is vital that they concentrate on their recovery and have sufficient rest.

Some students have been asked to self-isolate on more than one occasion, due to being identified as a close contact of different positive cases. This is unfortunate and we recognise that this may be very challenging for both the student and their family. If there are any concerns about a student's wellbeing during this difficult time, please contact their senior tutor who may be able to offer advice, signpost online support or make a referral to the school counselling service.