



Dear Parents/Carers,

I am writing to inform you that a student in a Year 8 Bubble has tested positive for Coronavirus. We have been able to quickly and effectively use our local Track & Trace measures to identify and send home any student deemed to have been in close contact. Public Health England have advised, that due to our bubble system, all other Year Group Bubbles, which includes your child, are safe to continue attending school as normal.

**Your child is un-affected by this case and should continue to attend.**

Any rooms where the affected student worked in this week have been identified and additional cleaning will be carried out before students reuse them next week. We have identified any communal areas where the affected student spent any significant time and additional cleaning will also be carried out across the weekend. This student did not use any public transport.

As you may know this is the second positive case within our school and I would like to take this opportunity to reassure you that we are doing everything within their power to keep your children and school community safe. We have increased the regularity of cleaning of commonly used areas and surfaces and we have a strict class timetable that ensures rooms that are in use by multiple groups will be thoroughly cleaned between sessions.

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**From Monday 5<sup>th</sup> of October until further notice additional systems of control will be in place at The Victory Academy.**

**Upon arrival at the Academy, all students and staff will be required to wear face coverings in communal areas, these includes but are not limited to corridors, The Galley, Student Services, The Courtyard, The Wave and all student toilets.**

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- Students are only permitted to wear a plain single colour “face covering” which covers the mouth and nose held in place by straps around the ears.
- Patterned or adorned “face covering” and scarf or bandanna coverings are NOT permitted.



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See example below:



What will happen if a student wears a face covering that is not permitted?

- You will be required to remove the face covering.
- You will be required to hand the face covering in to student services for the rest of the day.
- You will be able to pick the face covering up at the end of the school day.
- Students who repeatedly are found to be wearing non-permitted face coverings in school will be subject to the school's behaviour policy for failure to comply with instructions.

Looking after your face covering:

- Students are expected to look after their own face covering and follow [government guidance](#) on wearing their face covering.
- Whenever a student takes off their face covering it must be safely put away or disposed of in a lidded bin.

Student Exemption:

If you believe your child should be exempt from wearing a face covering on medical grounds – please discuss this with a member of the Student Services Team.

These additional controls will be reviewed on 14<sup>th</sup> October. Please check your emails & the MyEd app for the latest updates.



We are confident that we are continuing to take all necessary health and safety action to ensure the Victory Academy is a safe learning environment and for all other pupils to continue to come to school as normal.

**Remember – if your child is showing symptoms, do not bring them in to school. You must phone the school office to report it.**

Thank you once again for your continued support – we will continue to keep you updated with any developments. If you have any queries please call or email the school office and we will help as best we can.

Yours sincerely,

**Mandy Gage, Head Teacher**

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