

YEAR GROUP ASSEMBLY

[September 2020]



SOME KEY REMINDERS

Hygiene!

What should we all be doing to keep safe?

- Arriving as close to our start time as possible
- Washing hands regularly and thoroughly during the day
- Using hand sanitizer on entry and exit to indoor spaces EVERY TIME
- Wearing a mask in corridors at school and on the way to/from school if using public transport
- Following the one-way system [Y9-11 only]
- Having **no** physical contact with others
- Not sharing equipment (pens, glue sticks, your friend's nice highlighters!)

- Continuing social distancing in all setting outside of school

Why do we need to do these things?

- We need to ensure we are keeping ourselves, each other and our families at home, particularly older family members safe
- We never know who could be carrying the virus as it's invisible in the incubation period when it is most contagious
- We want to ensure that if the COVID-19 virus is in one of us, we don't spread it or catch it



Why do we wash and sanitise our hands?

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TXZId70YZJ8>



A FEW 'WHAT IFS'

IMPORTANT!

First, some definitions

- **BUBBLE** – this is everyone in your year group
- **CLOSE CONTACT** - close face to face contact (under 1 metre) for any length of time – including talking to them or coughing on them, being within 1 to 2 metres of each other for more than 15 minutes – including travelling in a small vehicle.

WHAT IF someone I know has symptoms of COVID-19?

- They must stay at home, get a test and self-isolate until they **either** get a negative result and can therefore return to work/school **or** for 10 days if the test result is positive
- If you live with that person, you should self-isolate too
- If you don't live with that person, but think you may have been in close contact with them in the last 48 hours, you should self-isolate too but only need a test if you display symptoms
- If you don't live with them and haven't been in **close contact**, you just come to school and carry on with the hygiene routines as normal

WHAT IF I have symptoms of COVID-19?

- You must stay at home and self-isolate.
- You should get a test if you have one of the 3 main symptoms:
 - **High temperature**
 - **New, persistent cough**
 - **Loss or change in taste or sense of smell**
- You can return to school if your test result is negative, *unless you have been directed to self-isolate*
- If your test result is positive, your parent/carer **must** inform school and you will be asked who you have had **close contact** with.
- You must stay off school and self-isolate for 10 days and return after this period **ONLY** if you feel well.

WHAT IF a teacher tests positive for COVID-19?

- The teacher will remain at home and self-isolate for 10 days
- You will continue to come to school as normal
- Your teachers **do not** have **close contact** with you so you will not need to self-isolate
- Only if YOU develop symptoms of COVID-19 will you need to self-isolate and get tested

WHAT IF a student in another year group tests positive for COVID-19?

- That student will isolate for 10 days and all students in their year group **bubble** be sent home to self-isolate at home for 14 days
- No other student in that **bubble** will require a test unless they develop COVID-19 symptoms
- If the positive case is not in your year group **bubble**, **you will not be affected** and will continue to come to school
- If you have a sibling in the affected year group, they will be required to self-isolate but you will not

WHAT IF a student in my year group tests positive for COVID-19?

- All of the students in your year group **bubble** will be informed (the name of the student will not be released) and everyone in the year group **bubble** will be told to go home and self-isolate for 14 days. You will be dismissed to return home by your usual mode of transport unless your parents have requested to collect you in person.
- You will access your work on Microsoft Teams and follow your normal timetable at home
- You only need to get a test if you develop symptoms whilst at home
- Students in other year group **bubbles** will not be affected and will continue coming to school
- If you have a sibling in another year group, they will not be required to self-isolate unless YOU develop symptoms

WHAT IF the school is closed again to some or all year groups?

- You will be briefed about what is going to happen and be dismissed
- You will continue to follow your normal timetable from home through Microsoft Teams
- School will maintain contact with you through feedback on Microsoft Teams and contact from your tutor and Head of Year



Why tell you all of this?

- We want to be honest with you
- We want to reassure you
- We want you to fully understand
- We need every single person to follow the rules
- We are Team Hele's!