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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope this finds you well and you are staying safe and healthy during this unprecedented time.

As you know from our previous correspondence, we have recently been advised by Public Health England of some confirmed cases of COVID-19 within the Academy.

In line with the latest government and Public Health England advice, the affected people, identified through our contact tracing process, are now self-isolating as a precautionary measure. **In addition to this, we have also taken the decision to close the Academy to all pupils from Tuesday 19th October until Monday 2nd November, when the Academy reopens after half-term.** This is due to staff shortages as a result of the self-isolation precautionary measures.

Please note there is no need for your child to self-isolate, UNLESS you received notification from us directly to advise of this. If you did, please follow the guidelines listed in that letter ensuring your child stays inside the house and does not mix with friends/ family inside or outside of the house until the end of the isolation period, this date would have been given on your letter. I appreciate this may be a difficult time however, the health, safety and wellbeing of our pupils, parents, staff and the wider school community must remain our top priority.

Your child's lessons will be on Microsoft Teams, staff will be available to answer questions and at times lessons may be delivered live. Where possible your child should follow their normal timetable. He/she can also log into MyOn for reading or they can access the following for maths;

MyMaths login is *favell* the password is *square*

Mathswatch. The login for this will be your child's initial and surname then @westonfavell
e.g Gary Thames : username is: GThames@westonfavell
password is - changeme (must be small caps)

Please let us know if your child is unable to access online learning as we may be able to loan them the equipment they may need, or if you have any difficulties logging on. We will be sending information home on how to access Teams and online learning later today. Additionally, if you are in receipt of free school meals, we will be in touch over the next couple of days to ensure we can get vouchers to you.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your patience and understanding. I am sure you will appreciate that we have to follow certain safety and precautionary measures to keep all pupils safe during this time.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Academy or use the following link to access further information: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs K Murphy
Deputy Principal

In the meantime, I would also like to take this opportunity to remind you of the steps that we can all take to reduce the risk of spreading infection. These simple measures are:

If your child, a household member or a member of your support bubble develops any of the following symptoms, we ask that you notify the school immediately and arrange a test by visiting <https://www.nhs.uk/ask-for-a-coronavirus-test> or by phoning 119.

- a new continuous cough and/or
- a high temperature and/or
- a loss of, or change in, normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia)

If your child, a household member or a member of your support bubble develops any of these symptoms, they should remain at home for at least 10 days from the date when their symptoms appeared. All other household members who remain well, must stay at home and not leave the house for 14 days from the date when the first person in the house became ill. This includes anyone in your 'Support Bubble'. Further information is available at:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-households-with-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection>.

If your child, or anyone in your household, does develop symptoms, you can seek advice from NHS 111 at <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/check-if-you-have-coronavirus-symptoms/> or by phoning 111.

As a community, we can also help reduce the risk of spreading COVID-19 by:

- washing your hands with soap and water often – do this for at least 20 seconds
- using hand sanitiser gel if soap and water are not available
- washing your hands as soon as you get home
- covering your mouth and nose with a tissue or your sleeve (not your hands) when you cough or sneeze
- putting used tissues in the bin immediately and wash your hands afterwards