



10th July 2021

Dear Parent / Carer

Re: Closure of the onsite Hindley bubble until Tuesday 20th July

Today I have been advised that there are two confirmed case of COVID-19 within the onsite Hindley bubble at Three Towers.

We have carried out a full risk assessment and identified all those who have been in close contact with the affected cases and have instructed that they stay at home and self-isolate until 10 days after their last contact.

If you have not been contacted already, then your child **has not** been identified as a close contact and therefore does not need to make any change to their usual routine i.e. they do not need to self-isolate.

However, due to the now very large number of staff who are having to self-isolate it is impossible, for operational reasons including health and safety reasons, to keep the onsite Hindley bubble open. Therefore I have taken the very difficult decision to close the onsite Hindley bubble until Tuesday 20th July. I appreciate that this is extremely difficult for you as parents and I want to reassure you that it is not a decision I have taken lightly.

For those learners who normally come onto site at Hindley, we will provide work packs as well as putting work onto TEAMS for them to access remotely. Those learners who are not self-isolating and have vocational placements (Cast, BikeMech or Tyler Lee) should attend those as normal. Those learners who are entitled to a free school lunch will receive a voucher to cover the lunch costs for the 6 days; this will be posted to you on Monday.

Please could I ask you to monitor your child for any symptoms and to support them to continue the twice weekly home-testing. You can request more testing kits from school if required by telephoning or by emailing the school office on:
hindleyoffice@ttapa.net

The most common symptoms of COVID-19 are recent onset of 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, or anyone in your household, develops these symptoms, your whole household must remain at home and not go to work, school or public areas. You should arrange a PCR test for the person who has developed symptoms. When the result is known further advice will be available.

Testing can be arranged by calling 119 or via the NHS website:
www.nhs.uk/coronavirus.

There are things we can all do to help reduce the risk of you and anyone you live with getting ill with COVID-19:

- wash your hands with soap and water often – do this for at least 20 seconds;
- use hand sanitiser gel if soap and water are not available;
- wash your hands as soon as you get home;
- cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or your sleeve (not your hands) when you cough or sneeze;
- put used tissues in the bin immediately and wash your hands afterwards;
- allow ventilation in the house through opening windows;
- maintain an appropriate social distance with non-household members of over 2 metres.

Further information is available at www.nhs.uk/coronavirus.

Yours sincerely

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