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Dear Parents and Carers,

GOVERNMENT CHANGES TO SELF-ISOLATION PERIOD - REOPENING OF THE SCHOOL

You will have seen on the news yesterday that the Government has just announced the shortening of the self-isolation period from 14 days to 10 days.

Schools had no advance notice of this [announcement](#). We have also had to await confirmation from our local Public Health team and Enfield's Director for Education.

The change to the self-isolation period means we now have enough staff members available on site to open the school safely. We are therefore required to re-open by the government. The school has been deep cleaned throughout the period of time that we were closed.

I can confirm therefore, that this means that we will be able to re-open the school from Monday, with the Year group bubbles returning on a staggered basis as follows:

- Monday - Years 7 & 11 will return to school
- Tuesday - Year 10 return
- Wednesday - Years 8 and 9 return
- Friday - INSET day: school is closed

What to do if your child develops symptoms of COVID 19

If your child develops symptoms of COVID-19, 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 10 days.

The 10-day period starts from the day when the first person in the house became ill. Household members should not go to work, school or public areas. Household members staying at home for 10 days will greatly reduce the overall amount of infection that they can pass on to others in the community.



If you are able, isolate from vulnerable individuals (such as the elderly and those with underlying health conditions) living in your home, please do so during your isolation period.

Symptoms of COVID 19

The most common symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) are recent onset of:

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

If your child or anyone in the household does develop symptoms, you can seek advice from NHS 111 [here](#).

Kind Regards,



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