



Plymouth High School for Girls

"For life, not school, we learn"

16th September 2020

Dear Parents/Carers of Year 12 and 13,

Thank you for your understanding and patience as we work through the action required following the confirmed COVID19 case in our sixth form bubble.

I have been in regular contact with the Plymouth Health Protection Team concerning our recent confirmed case of COVID19 as well as the Public Health England HPT team.

We had wondered if there was any way in which we could view the bubbles differently to bring back some students earlier, but since Monday, we have been notified of three more confirmed cases of COVID19 in the sixth form. The new confirmed cases mean that the last day of the isolation period will remain as Saturday the 26th of September for both year 12 and 13. This means that the first day back in school will be Monday the 28th of September.

We will not need to extend the bubble isolation due to the new cases since the students were isolated from Sunday the 13th of September.

Students who tested positive will have been given a date by the NHS on which their isolation ends. People who test positive have to isolate for 10 days. Students who have tested positive may return to school after their isolation period as set out in their personal letter from the NHS. Students who tested positive may end up returning to school earlier than other students. I thank you in advance for your appreciation that we are following national guidelines in terms of who can return and when. We are not permitted to make exceptions.

Mrs Eales-White will be writing to students and parents over the coming days to outline a slight change we are planning to make to our arrangements to keep year 12 and 13 apart.

In the meantime, teachers are doing their best to help students maintain their study focus and to keep their learning going by using live and/or recorded lessons with posted study material and tasks on Google Classroom.

Our website has further details on our response to COVID19, and our priority remains the safety of our young people.

Many thanks indeed for your continued understanding and your kind messages of support.

Best wishes,

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