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Dear Parents/Carers,

Year 11 Students: IMPORTANT

I am so terribly upset to have to write this letter to you tonight. Despite everything that staff, students, and families have done over this week to minimise risk, we have today had a Year 11 student test positive for COVID19 in our onsite testing facility.

The safety of everyone associated with the school is my utmost priority and, as such, I am asking that ALL Year 11 students stay at home on Friday 12th March for remote Learning.

We have been liaising with Public Health England and the Department for Education, explaining the vast array of mitigation measures and the robust testing regime we have in place and we will be able to identify close contacts only and they will have to self-isolate for 10 days from today. To ensure we are 100% sure, we will be undertaking this process both tonight and tomorrow and I shall write at length to you all again tomorrow identifying which students can return completely safely on Monday 15th March and who need to isolate for 10 days.

During this time, I ask that your child continues to adhere to the government “stay at home” measures that are still in force.

I cannot reiterate how brilliant Year 11 have been these last few days. Having spoken to the vast majority of them as they went into the testing centre during this time, they are so keen to be back in school.

Once again, please be reassured that we will continue to do everything we can to provide a high-quality education in safe environment during this difficult time.

With kind regards,

Jon Boyes
Principal