

# Formby High School

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Dear Parents

I am writing to make you aware that we have received notification of a positive Covid-19 case in Year 10. On the advice of the DfE's Coronavirus Helpline, close contacts have been identified and a group of students have left school to begin a period of self-isolation. The matter has been entirely contained with the Year 10 'bubble' and it has not directly affected staff or students from any other year groups. As the number of cases continues to rise nationally, there is a good chance that we will have more positive cases to manage within school. I can assure you that we are following the guidance set out by the Government and Public Health England and will always act according to the advice we receive. Sending children home to self-isolate is not ideal but is something that we have to do to reduce the likelihood of infection spreading within the local community. Work for students to complete can be found on the [Remote Classroom](#) area of the school website and students should contact their teachers if they have any queries or concerns regarding their work.



If your child experiences Coronavirus symptoms you should book him/her in for a test and he/she should remain at home until a negative test has been received or the self-isolation period ends and he/she is well enough to return. If the result of the test is positive, please immediately notify school by email at [covid19@formbyhighschool.com](mailto:covid19@formbyhighschool.com). This email address is monitored out of hours, enabling the necessary action to be taken during the evening / weekend in readiness for the next school day. Please only use this email address for reporting a **positive** test result. For all other absence (Covid-19 related or otherwise) please call the school absence lines via 01704 873100 (Option 1 for Years 7 to 11 or Option 2 for Sixth Form absences).



Since the start of term we have provided over 600 reusable face masks to students free of charge which is costly and not sustainable. From tomorrow (29 September 2020) we will only be providing reusable face masks which are black in colour, double layered, water repellent and have an antimicrobial finish. The ear straps have two positions so should comfortably fit children of all ages. These new face coverings will be sold from the General Office at a cost of £2.10 to students and we will collect the funds via ParentPay. To prevent the need for unnecessary purchases, please check that your child has his/her mask for school and discuss with him/her the importance of wearing it when on public transport and whilst in circulation indoors in order to reduce the risk of transmission. Your support with this request is greatly appreciated. Students who





belong to the Pupil Premium cohort (those who are currently in receipt of Free School Meals or have been at some point within the last six years) will be issued with a mask on a free of charge basis if they require one.

Several changes have been introduced for Sixth Form students to create a greater level of separation between Years 12 and 13. Both year groups have been assigned a study area within the Gym and the staircases and toilets in L Building have been designated for use by either Year 12 or Year 13 students. Furthermore, classrooms have been reallocated to ensure, as best as possible, that Year 12 lessons take place on the left hand side of L Building and Year 13 lessons on the right hand side. Students will be issued with new timetables tomorrow morning.

Regrettably, we are all going to have to adapt to living with Coronavirus and I trust this information is helpful in providing both clarification and reassurance that we are taking all necessary steps to ensure members of our school community remain as safe as possible.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D A Mackenzie'.

**D A Mackenzie**  
**Headteacher**