



EMMANUEL COLLEGE
Emmanuel Schools Foundation

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Dear Parents and Carers

May I firstly apologise to those parents who have still not received the communication that was sent last night regarding the confirmed case of coronavirus in the Sixth Form and our decision to ask Year 12 and Year 13 to work from home today. We have been working hard to understand why some parents did not receive the email.

Many of us knew that with transmission rates rising as they are, it was inevitable that sooner or later we would have confirmed cases of coronavirus in College. As you may know, we now have three confirmed cases. The affected individuals are in Year 10 and Year 13 and all those who have been in close contact with them during the contagious period have been asked to self-isolate for 14 days in line with government guidance.

I would like to reassure parents that there is no need for students to stay at home unless they have been specifically told to self-isolate or they are experiencing coronavirus symptoms. We will continue to do all we can to ensure that students and staff are as safe as possible and that contact is limited to as small a group of students as possible. Students have been really impressive in so many ways and continue to work cooperatively as we refine our systems. What students do need to do better is to keep their distance and try to avoid being in close contact with others unnecessarily such as at break time or when walking between lessons. We will continue to emphasise this in College and I would be grateful if you could take time to discuss this at home as well.

For the avoidance of doubt, Sixth Form students who are not self-isolating should return to College tomorrow (Tuesday 15 September).

With many thanks for your ongoing support in this mammoth but essential endeavour of bringing students back to school safely and purposefully.

Yours sincerely

Matthew Waterfield
Principal