



EMMANUEL COLLEGE
Emmanuel Schools Foundation

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to take this opportunity to update you on important news relating to Emmanuel College this week.

This week, another four of our students have tested positive for COVID-19. The positive cases were one student in Year 7, one in Year 11, one in Year 12 and one in Year 13. All close contacts of the student in Year 7 and Year 13 have been informed and are now self-isolating. Due to a more extended period of absence for the students in Year 11 and 12 prior to receiving a positive test result, it was not necessary for any other students to self-isolate. It will relieve you to know that none of these students are significantly unwell; we keep them and their families in our thoughts and prayers. Every case in College has been reported to Gateshead Public Health who have confirmed that the College's COVID-19 procedures to protect students and staff are robust and effective.

Moving forward, we will provide parents and carers with a summary of any new positive tests in the weekly Friday communication, unless your child is a close contact of a confirmed case; in this instance, you will receive a separate written communication and phone call, alongside details of how your child can continue to make progress through the curriculum remotely.

I would like to take this opportunity to remind all parents and carers about the importance of getting a test if you or your child display the symptoms of COVID-19. Please also ensure you inform Reception as soon as possible should your child test positive for COVID-19, so that we can inform any close contacts that they need to self-isolate.

It is vitally important this term that we carry out recovery assessments in each subject so that students know where they need to catch up and to inform future set changes. Over the next few weeks we will confirm to parents and carers the key dates in the assessments and exams calendar, and provide information to enable you to support your child in preparing for these.

I would like to again thank the Emmanuel students for their continued exemplary conduct in College and support for our COVID secure procedures. I would also like to thank the parents and families of our students for your ongoing support and prayers. At a time of national and international anxiety and uncertainty, we are committed to ensuring that Emmanuel College remains a safe place for students and staff, and remains firmly focused on ensuring that excellent teaching and learning enables students to make exemplary progress through the curriculum.

I hope you have a restful weekend.

Mr N Ogborn
Senior Vice Principal