



Charles Darwin School

Operated by the Charles Darwin Academy Trust

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Dear Parents/Carers and Students of Year 7

Implementation of Remote Learning and Closure of Year 7 Bubble

I am writing to let you know that there has been more than one confirmed case of COVID-19 within the Year 7 bubble and that we are aware of several other students who are awaiting PCR test results.

As a consequence we have decided to take the precautionary action to close the Year 7 bubble today and tomorrow. Year 7 students will be released at 11.15 am today and should remain at home today and tomorrow whilst we await confirmatory results.

We anticipate that more information from those currently waiting test results will come through to us later today. In the meantime, we are asking all Year 7 students to stay at home and engage in remote learning. We will communicate separately with all close contacts to ask them to isolate for up to 10 days from their last contact with an infected person.

Unless parents are informed otherwise, students should return to school on Wednesday 19th May.

The school will remain open for all other year groups.

Remote Learning

Work for students during this period will be set by their teachers using ShowMyHomework (now also known as Satchel One). Work will be posted for the day that lessons are due to be undertaken, it will appear in the students' To Do List.

For Tuesday 18th May all Year 7 students are at home and we will endeavour to run live Teams facilitated lessons where possible.

Students will need to log onto ShowMyHomework (Satchel One) either via the link on our school website or by going to <https://www.satchelone.com/login/> or via their app.

If any student has forgotten their login details then they can still find the work on the homework public calendar for our school.

If you need to contact us regarding ShowMyHomework (Satchel One) then please do email your child's Form Tutor in the first instance.

You may also find these two guides useful:

Student guide <https://teamsatchel.wistia.com/medias/dh00d23biuft>

Parent guide <https://teamsatchel.wistia.com/medias/lx7nnmlskh>

What to do if your child develops symptoms of COVID19 – this advice is from Public Health England

If your child develops symptoms of COVID-19, they must not come to school and should remain at home for at least 10 days from the date when their symptoms appeared. Anyone with symptoms will be eligible for testing and this can be arranged via <https://www.nhs.uk/ask-for-a-coronavirus-test> or by calling 111.

All other household members who remain well must stay at home and not leave the house for 10 days. This includes anyone in your 'Support Bubble'.

Further information is available at: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-households-with-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection>.

The 10-day period starts from the day when the first person in the house became ill. Household members should not go to work, school or public areas and exercise should be taken within the home. If you require help with buying groceries, other shopping or picking up medication, or walking a dog, you should ask friends or family. Alternatively, you can order your shopping online and medication by phone or online. Household members staying at home for 10 days will greatly reduce the overall amount of infection the household could pass on to others in the community.

If you are able, move any vulnerable individuals (such as the elderly and those with underlying health conditions) out of your home, to stay with friends or family for the duration of the home isolation period.

Symptoms

The most common symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) are recent onset of:

- A new continuous cough
- A high temperature
- A loss of, or change in, your normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia)

For most people, coronavirus (COVID-19) will be a mild illness

If your child or anyone in the household does develop symptoms, you can seek advice from NHS 111 at <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/check-if-you-have-coronavirus-symptoms/> or by phoning 111.

How to stop COVID-19 spreading

There are things you can do to help reduce the risk of you and anyone you live with getting ill with COVID-19:

Do:

- **Wash your hands with soap and water often - do this for at least 20 seconds**
- **Use hand sanitiser gel if soap and water are not available**
- **Wash your hands as soon as you get home**
- **Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or your sleeve (not your hands) when you cough or sneeze**
- **Put used tissues in the bin immediately and wash your hands afterwards**

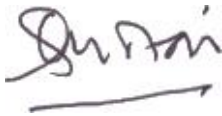
Further Information

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Please be reassured that for most people, coronavirus (COVID-19) will be a mild illness.

I thank all parents/carers for your support during this time.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Sunil Chotai', with a horizontal line underneath it.

Sunil Chotai
Headteacher