



## SHOEBURYNNESS HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/ Carer,

### COVID Update

You may be aware that NHS Track and Trace has now taken the responsibility for identifying and tracing possible contacts from schools.

It is still important, however, that we are fully informed of students within the school that have tested positive for COVID or are awaiting test results.

It is my intention to keep you updated with the situation within Shoeburyness High School so that we maintain the transparency with which we have operated throughout the last eighteen months.

Since our return to school we have had twenty five students who have tested positive for COVID, with a number having that result confirmed using a PCR test. This is how it breaks down within the year groups;

Year 7:	4
Year 8:	4
Year 9:	0
Year 10:	15
Year 11:	1
Sixth form:	1

If your child does test positive, NHS will undertake contact tracing and may contact you to inform you that your child has been identified as a close contact. The latest guidance states that close contacts who are under 18 years and 6 months do not need to isolate but are, instead, advised to get a PCR test. They are required to stay off school only if this test is positive.

If your child does test positive you should inform us, and they should stay at home for the 10-day isolation period. Their Academic Year Leaders will ensure that work is set for them if they are well enough to complete it.

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We will continue to keep our risk assessment under review and continue to maintain our protective measures that include cleaning, ventilation and keeping student movement around the outside of the building.

Please can I urge all students to continue to test twice weekly using the LFD tests supplied by the school; this is particularly important currently for those students in year 10. If you need more test kits then please just let us know.

Best Wishes

Clare Costello  
Headteacher

