



2nd November 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope that you, and your families, are safe and well at this very difficult time.

I am writing to inform you that we have had two confirmed cases of Coronavirus reported to us over the half-term holiday. In both cases, those affected commenced isolation straight away and were tested quickly. I have discussed both cases with Public Health England and they have confirmed that there is no need for us to retrospectively contact trace, within school, due to the dates of symptoms and tests being far enough into the holiday period.

It is highly likely that any future positive test results will require us to contact trace. In view of this, it is imperative that the school is informed of a positive test result, of either a student or member of staff, as a matter of urgency. To facilitate this, we have created an email directory which will forward your communication to a number of different leaders within the school. This will ensure that we can work hard, at the earliest opportunity, to contact the families who will need to self-isolate at home. The email address is as follows:

**[covid19@davisonhigh.school](mailto:covid19@davisonhigh.school)** (This email address can also be found on the school website within the coronavirus section and on the link on the left hand side of the home page 'Testing positive for Coronavirus – Important update Nov 2020'.)

**Please state your child's name and form as well as your name and contact details within the email.**

It would be really helpful if your email could highlight any Davison community members that your daughter has been in close contact with outside of school time. Our electronic seating plans will show who she has been sitting close to but we obviously won't know who she has spent time with outside of school. More generally, I have been asked, by our student services team, to reiterate that many confirmed cases are not showing very high levels of symptoms such as temperature or repetitive coughing. Please keep your daughter at home, and arrange a test, if you have any concerns regarding your daughter showing any changes to her normal levels of temperature, taste/smell etc.

Finally...I would please urge you to consider that we will only be asking individuals/classes/year groups to stay at home in the very best interests of everybody. Please rest assured that we can only work within the guidance we have been given. Your cooperation in the event of any request for your child to work from home is really appreciated.

My staff and I wish you a very safe and productive few months as we navigate the way forward together.

Yours faithfully,

**Mr Chris Keating**  
**Headteacher**