

Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> October 2020

Dear NBA family.

I hope my message finds you safe and well.

I am writing to inform you that we have had notification today of a single confirmed case of COVID-19 within our staff. As always, I will write to you to detail the actions we are taking to ensure the safety of our students and staff whenever we are made aware of a positive case.

The affected member of staff is now self-isolating for a period of 10 days, and I am sure you will join me in wishing them a swift recovery. We have since been working closely with Public Health England who have advised that individuals who have been in close contact with the staff should also self-isolate for 14 days as a precaution.

Robust safety measures at the academy, including the arrangement of students and staff into bubbles to limit contact between individuals, enable us to identify their precise movements and seating arrangements. We have been advised that the front row of students in the classes taught by this member of staff on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> September should now self isolate for 14 days. This is 32 Yr 7 students in total. **THE PARENTS OF THE 32 YEAR 7s HAVE ALREADY HAD A PERSONALISED TEXT MESSAGE THIS EVENING ADVISING THEIR CHILD TO SELF ISOLATE FOR 14 DAYS. If you have not had a text message this evening your child is unaffected. Please contact us if you are not sure. If you are one of the parents that has received a message this evening and would like further information, please contact myself or Miss Davies via email and we'll explain what this means for your family.**

We are also continuing to work closely with Public Health England who have assured us that the actions we have taken are completely in line with their guidance, and that we should remain open to all other students and staff.

Please rest assured that we are taking every precaution here at the academy to ensure the safety and wellbeing of our students and staff, including regular and focussed cleaning of the academy, social distancing and ensuring good hand and respiratory hygiene.

Parents and carers are reminded that if you or your child show any symptoms of the virus, or if you or your child are self-isolating as someone else in your household has symptoms of COVID-19, you should not attend the academy. Please click [here](#) for the NHS' guide to COVID-19 symptoms.

Our students and members of their households also have access to testing if they display symptoms of COVID-19. To access testing, you can use the online booking service at [www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test](http://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test) or call [119](tel:119).

I appreciate that upon hearing such news that some parents and carers may naturally be feeling concerned.

However, I would like to reiterate that the health and wellbeing of your child is our number one priority and that we will do everything in our power to ensure their safety.



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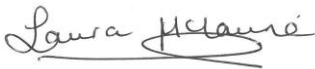
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In the meantime, I take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support of the academy and ask that you please get in touch if you have any questions or concerns.

I will be sure to keep in contact with you.

Please follow us on social media (twitter = @NBAcademy, facebook = North Birmingham Academy E-ACT or Instagram = northbirminghamacademyeact)

Yours sincerely,



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Headteacher of the NBA family.

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