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Dear Parents and Carer

**Re: COVID-19 Cases at The Nicholas Hamond Academy**

As many of you will be aware and further to my previous communications, I can confirm that we have had additional positive COVID-19 cases within our academy community. These cases have all occurred in the same year group bubble, Year 11.

As per the guidance we have received from our Trust ATT and the national and local health authorities, we have made any close contacts aware and they have received a letter informing them that they need to stay at home for 14 days. Additionally, we have directed the year group bubble where the cases have occurred to remain at home for the rest of the week so that additional cleaning of the bubble area can be completed appropriately.

**In all other respects the academy remains open and your child, unless contacted separately by us, should continue to attend as normal if they remain well.**

If your child develops symptoms of COVID-19, they must not come into the academy 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 119.

I would also like to take this opportunity to ask for your help in reinforcing key messages that will help keep our students and your families safe. Students have and are reminded, that they:

- Must wear face coverings in all corridors and communal areas in the academy
- Wash or sanitiser their hands frequently
- Maintain an appropriate social distance when outside of the classrooms from other students

This last point is a particularly important one not just in the academy but also for students when they are walking to and from the academy. I would appreciate your support in helping to reiterate these messages with your children.

I appreciate and we understand that this will be a worrying time for all students and their families. Given the challenging circumstances that coronavirus presents we have been using all the advice, guidance and direction available to make our decisions. To try to provide a little reassurance, I have spoken with the Norfolk Outbreak Management Team this morning who have assessed our response to the cases we have experienced and they have confirmed that the precautionary steps that we are taking are exactly the ones that we should take given our context.

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If our circumstances change and we are advised by the local health authorities to take further action we will follow this advice and communicate it accordingly to you all.

As always, thank you for your understanding and support in this matter.

Yours faithfully

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**Mark Woodhouse**  
**Principal**