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Date: Wednesday 16th June 2021

Dear Parents/Carers

Parkway Centre Closure

I regret to inform you that we have today received a positive COVID test result for a pupil and based on us operating Parkway as a bubble, all staff and pupils who have been present at Parkway from Monday 14th June will be required to self-isolate for 10 days.

The pupil in question received a positive result from an LFD test today at school. They have been sent home to complete a PCR test. If this comes back negative, there will be no requirement for staff or pupils to continue to isolate.

Unless you hear otherwise, your child is required to self-isolate until **Saturday 26th June 2021 in the first instance** (this date is subject to change if we receive any further positive results in the next 48 hours).

In accordance with guidance, other household members do not need to self-isolate unless they subsequently develop symptoms.

If your child has not been in school this week, they do not need to self-isolate.

Louise Thomas will clarify the schooling arrangements for all children shortly.

Please may I remind you of the most common symptoms of COVID-19; these are:

- new continuous cough and/or
- high temperature and/or
- a loss of, or change in, normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia)

If your child develops any of these symptoms, they should remain at home and arrangements should be made for them to be tested. Please also inform us by emailing Louise Thomas at thomasl@jamesbrindley.org.uk. At that time all other household members must also stay at home, not go to work, school or public areas, even for exercise.

All children today have sent home with LFD COVID tests. Please continue to test your child at home regularly.

Can I please also draw your attention to the guidance from the DfE below.

[DfE Guidance for full opening: Schools, Updated 22nd October 2020](#)

'If someone who is self-isolating because they have been in close contact with someone who has tested positive for coronavirus (COVID-19) starts to feel unwell and gets a test for coronavirus themselves, and the test delivers a negative result, they must remain in isolation for the remainder of the 10-day isolation period. This is because they could still develop coronavirus (COVID-19) within the remaining days.'

Even if your child receives a negative COVID result, they are still expected to complete their 10-day isolation period at home.

PCR Testing can be arranged by calling 119 or via the NHS website: [nhs.uk/coronavirus](https://www.nhs.uk/coronavirus)

Arrangements for Year 10 pupils

It is our intention for most lessons to be delivered live from Monday 21st June 2021. For the rest of the week, they will be able to continue to access the planned work experience programme via TEAMS.

Louise Thomas, Centre Leader, will send further communication to you today about the plans for next week.

Arrangements for Year 11 pupils

We regretfully will be unable to continue with the planned programme of enrichment that was in place for the Year 11's. We also are terribly disappointed that we will now also have to postpone the Prom and Leavers Assembly scheduled for next week. We are going to contact the venue, to see if they can offer us a new date in the next few weeks. Louise will also notify you about the new date for the Leavers Assembly.

I hope you will all support us in sharing the message to the Year 11's that today was not their final goodbye to JBA and their friends, and we will ensure we make arrangements to give them the send off they deserve.

Thank you for your continued support in what has been a very difficult year.

Yours faithfully



Tosin Gabriel
Vice Principal – Head of Parkway, Northfield and Dovedale Centres