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Dear Parents/Carers

We are writing to let you know that following my letter to you on Monday we now have five adults at the Academy who have tested positive for Covid-19, three of whom are teachers, but none of the staff concerned have been in 'close contact' with any students during this time.

We also have six staff self isolating as they had been in close contact with previous members of staff who had tested positive but currently they have no symptoms.

Please be assured that the Academy has worked closely with the Essex Health Protection Team and the Track and Trace Team, who have confirmed that no children have had close contact with these staff members.

Government guidance defines a 'close contact' as:

- a person who has had face-to-face contact (within one metre), with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19, including:
  - being coughed on
  - having a face-to-face conversation within one metre
  - having skin-to-skin physical contact, or
  - contact within one metre for one minute or longer without face-to-face contact
- a person who has been within 2 metres of someone who has tested positive for COVID-19 for more than 15 minutes

Having consulted with the Department for Education and Public Health England their advice is that the Academy is acting in-line with their guidelines and doing all that it can to remain a safe environment for staff and students.

However, due to the number of staff who are unwell or are self-isolating as a precautionary measure, we are unable to physically teach all of the lessons to students in Year 8 and Year 10 in school. So, as part of our response to ensure that the Academy is safe and students continue to be taught by their class teacher, we will move **Year 8 and Year 10 students at CCA onto a virtual learning programme, for one week only from Friday 8 October . Students in Year 8 and Year 10 will return to the Academy on Monday 19 October 2020.** This is being done to ensure the health and safety of pupils.

**Apart from Y8 and Y10, all other Year Groups will continue to come into school.**

This will enable those staff who are well and isolating to continue to deliver their lessons to students, whilst working from home. A separate letter outlining the virtual learning programme will be sent to parents/carers of students in Year 8 and Year 10.

CCA, through the support of AET, has a strong reputation of delivering an excellent virtual learning programme over the lockdown and all students have been given access to Chromebooks and WiFi dongles to ensure that their learning can continue during this one week of working from home.

If your child does develop any symptoms of Covid-19 at any point (high temperature, new continuous cough or change in your normal sense of taste and smell) they will need to self isolate for 10 days from the onset of these symptoms and seek a test. Furthermore, if your child does develop symptoms, the whole household will need to isolate for 14 days from when they started to feel ill.

Please inform Mrs Mottram or Mrs Miller our Attendance Team on 01255 446676 of any symptoms or future test results as soon as possible. We are here to offer support as always and you can seek further advice from NHS 111 by phone or via [Check if you or your child has coronavirus \(COVID-19\) symptoms.](#)

I understand that this will be a worrying development, but I want to stress again that the safety of our children, families and staff will always be our number one priority.

As ever, if you have any questions at all, please do get in touch on our [contactus@clactoncoastalacademy.org](mailto:contactus@clactoncoastalacademy.org) email address or on the normal Academy telephone number: 01255 446676 between 8am and 4.00pm.

Warm regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D Lees', with a horizontal line underneath.

Mr D Lees  
Headteacher