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## FOR PARENTS OF Year 7 at Grace Academy Solihull

Dear Parent/ Carer,

We have been advised by Public Health England that there have been 9 confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Yr7, Yr8 and one staff member.

The high number of cases in Year 7 has now been classed as an outbreak, so as a precautionary measure and to prevent further transmission, Public Health England have now advised that we ask <u>all</u> Year 7 pupils to remain at home and not return to the Academy until Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> July.

Students who have been in close contact with the positive cases have been contacted separately and should isolate as per their separate letters while not at the Academy. However, for those students who have <u>not</u> been identified as a close contact of the cases, this is not an isolation period and students nor household members are required to isolate during this time, provided your child does not develop symptoms within this period.

We are asking you to do this to reduce the further spread of COVID 19 to others in the community.

## **Distance Learning:**

To support your child in the period in which they are not attending school we have developed a **bespoke remote learning curriculum** for each year group that directly links to our school's high curriculum expectations. This remote curriculum is accessible by clicking the "Remote Learning Curriculum" button on our website and then then clicking through to the "Remote Learning (COVID)" page. To access you will require your grace academy email address (ac0100\*\*\*\*@graceacademy.org.uk).

if you have any issues logging on please email: <u>help@gas-ict.on.spiceworks.com</u>

At the end of each day please ensure you complete the "learning review" to help us monitor your progress. If you have any issues accessing an online remote curriculum please let the academy know and we will discuss with you any additional help we can provide to support your son/daughter.

If your child is eligible for free school meals you are entitled to a weekly food parcel to cover the rest of this week. If you would like to arrange this please contact the school office.

Yours sincerely

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Darren Gelder Principal, Grace Academy Solihull