

# HARINGTON SCHOOL

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Dear Parents

Yesterday the government provided Post -16 centres with guidance regarding to the track and trace app which we have been asked to share with you. From today the NHS are encouraging all people aged 16 and over to download the Covid-19 Track and Trace app. For further information about the app please see the attached link <https://covid19.nhs.uk/pdf/introducing-the-app.pdf> Use of the app does not replace the requirement of individuals to follow the existing measures in place at Harington or to report positive cases to the school. Neither does the app change the processes of escalation if there any positive cases linked to education settings.

It is possible that whilst at the School, students could receive a notification via the app that they have been in close contact with a confirmed case and should therefore self-isolate. Close contacts are likely to have taken place at least 1-2 days previously. The app uses the minimum amount of personal data possible, which means it will not know if that contact took place in an education setting.

If students receive a notification during the day that they had been in contact with a positive case they should inform a member of staff immediately. To support this, the notification itself will advise them that if they are under the age of 18, they should show the message to a trusted adult and self-isolate. The staff member will then help make appropriate arrangements for the student to leave the setting at the earliest opportunity to begin self-isolation.

Please also find attached a letter from Public Health England which they have asked to share you with.

No further action is needed unless the student goes on to become a confirmed case themselves.

Yours faithfully

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