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Dear Parents/Carers

Illness during Summer 2022 exam series

Following the publication by the UK Health Security Agency of the 'Guidance for people with symptoms of a respiratory infection including COVID-19 or a positive test result for COVID-19', the Joint Council for Qualifications has updated the regulations around attendance at exams, as set out below:

Students with mild symptoms of illness but who are not testing positive for Covid, such as a runny nose, sore throat, or slight cough and who are otherwise well, should attend.

Students who are feeling unwell and have a high temperature should stay at home and avoid contact with other people, where they can, and return to school when they no longer have a temperature and are well enough to attend.

If a student has a positive COVID-19 test result they should not come into school for 3 days after the day they took the test. If the student tests positive on the Monday they should not come back to school until the Friday regardless of any further test results. An application can be made for special consideration for a missed exam paper where the other required assessments have been completed.

Parents/Carers will need to complete the self-certification form that will be available from the Exams Department. The authenticity of the details provided will be checked and further medical evidence may be required by the awarding bodies. Results can be withdrawn, or students can be disqualified if false information has been provided.

Please ensure that the Exam Department is notified by 8.00am on the morning of an exam with the reason for any non-attendance by emailing ews.exams@ewsacademy.org.uk; the self-certification form will be provided in response to this.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours faithfully

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