



30 January 2021

Dear Parents, Guardians and Students of The Ladies' College

I hope that you might have had some time already to enjoy this weekend and that you remain well.

I write to you with an update about next week and also some important details if you were at the Beau Sejour Dance Festival. (A States of Guernsey media release is also attached for your information).

The Civil Contingencies Authority (CCA) have advised us today that College will remain in firebreak lockdown next week and our current remote learning provision will be sustained for all during this time. We are working with Public Health and Education to enable us to open to provide some childcare/supervision for the children of Key Workers or any vulnerable children as soon as we are able. In the meantime, we hope that you would make contact with any queries or concerns, and we will look forward to Monday as previously planned.

Whilst I am sure that this is disappointing, most particularly for our Key Worker families, I hope that everyone feels supported by the College provision and thank you for your patience as we all work through the glitches and challenges that have been faced by some.

You may have already picked up through Facebook/the media this afternoon that anyone who was at the Dance Festival at Beau Sejour is being asked to self-isolate, if attending between the 19th and 22nd January. Members of the family are also asked to self-isolate immediately. Unless you develop symptoms, or are contacted directly, the self-isolation will end fourteen days after the last day of attendance, e.g., 19th January, isolation ends 1st February, 22nd January, isolation ends 4th February. (For reference, the attached media release clearly outlines requirements for self-isolation).

Please do not hesitate to get in touch if I/we can do anything to support you/your child in these difficult times.

Stay safe, stay well, stay in touch.

Yours sincerely

Ashley Clancy
Principal



Media Release

For immediate release

Date: 30/01/2021

Covid-19 update: Dance Festival attendees to self-isolate

As a result of contact tracing around the recent diagnosed cases of COVID-19 within the Bailiwick, it has been identified that those attending the Festival of Dance, held at Beau Sejour, between the 19th and 22nd of January, may have been exposed to one or more positive cases.

Because of the large numbers of people who attended the festival, the Public Health team asks all who were at that meeting (including participating children and the adults who accompanied them) and members of their households to self-isolate immediately and follow the instructions here: <https://covid19.gov.gg/support/protect>.

Unless you develop symptoms or are directly contacted by the contact tracing team, the self-isolation period will end fourteen days after the last day of attendance at the festival meaning for many, only a relatively short period of self-isolation is necessary.

Last date attended	Date self-isolation period ends
19 th January 2021	Monday 1 st February 2021
20 th January 2021	Tuesday 2 rd February 2021
21 st January 2021	Wednesday 3 rd February 2021
22 nd January 2021	Thursday 4 th February 2021

The self-isolation period finishes at 23:59 on the date stipulated.

You **do not** need to be tested unless you develop symptoms. If you develop symptoms please contact the helpline on, **01481 756938** or **01481 756969** who will book you a test.

You **do not** need to contact us to tell us about interactions you may have had with other people before going into self-isolation, just begin isolation as soon as you can.

Dr Nicola Brink, Director of Public Health said

“We know this will affect a lot of people as there were large numbers who attended the festival, or live with someone who did. We have taken this decision because of a specific case identified last night, and it is very much worthwhile as some of those who attended may just now be becoming particularly infectious and potential

spreaders of the virus. So if you were at the festival at any point, please self-isolate as quickly as you can, and be alert to any symptoms developing for you or members of your household. By doing this, you're really helping us keep the number of further cases down.

Don't forget that right now we expect the whole community to stay at home and only go out for essential reasons and two hours of outdoor exercise or activity. This is critical at this point and we need everyone to take it very seriously if we are to make this lockdown as short and effective as possible."

Some key workers are likely to among those now needing to self-isolate. They should contact their line managers.

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