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Dear Parents

COVID-19 Update

I hope that this letter finds you well. Thank you for your continued support as we continue to navigate the pandemic and respond to local and national guidance. As you will be aware cases of COVID-19 continue to occur in our community, and this is reflected in the national and local figures we see each day.

Given the current situation we have taken the decision to reintroduce the requirement for staff and pupils to wear face coverings in indoor communal areas e.g. corridors, dining spaces and hub areas, at all times. Pupils will be able to remove their face covering once they are safely sat down in their lessons. We will keep this situation under review and inform you of any change to this expectation. As a reminder, we require pupils to follow the following measures at all times:



Please show respect for one another by following these steps

YOU SHOULD...

-  ...wash and sanitise your hands regularly
-  ...'Catch it, bin it, kill it' if you need to cough or sneeze
-  ...ensure that your classrooms and workspaces are well ventilated
-  ...self-administer a rapid lateral flow test twice a week and report the results

IF YOU FEEL ILL...

If you develop symptoms of Covid-19, you must self isolate and arrange to have a test. Symptoms include recent onset of any of the following:

- A new continuous cough
- A high temperature
- A loss of, or change in, your normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia)

Please remember that if your child has COVID-19 symptoms or have received a positive COVID-19 test result they must stay at home and self-isolate.

Symptoms include:

- a fever, particularly a high temperature (i.e. a temperature of 37.8 degrees or over); and/or
- a new continuous cough;
- a loss of, or change to, your normal sense of smell or taste (anosmia).

Anyone who has symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) can get a free test to check if they have the virus, see <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/testing-and-tracing/get-an-antigen-test-to-check-if-you-have-coronavirus/> for more information.

Over the summer the government changed the expectations of schools around COVID-19 and therefore in the event of a positive case it is now NHS Test and Trace who identify and make contact with any close contacts. If you or your child is contacted then they will encourage you to have a PCR test and if you meet the following then you no longer need to self-isolate as of the 16th August.

Individuals are not required to self-isolate if they live in the same household as someone with COVID-19, or are a close contact of someone with COVID-19, and any of the following apply:

- they are fully vaccinated
- they are below the age of 18 years and 6 months
- they have taken part in or are currently part of an approved COVID-19 vaccine trial
- they are not able to get vaccinated for medical reasons

Thank you for your support. We will keep you informed and update on any changes to our measures as soon as possible.

If you have any queries please do get in touch with the School.

As we continue to navigate the pandemic and respond to local and national guidance we will keep you informed and update on any changes to our measures as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely,



Dr L Newman
Principal