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Dear Parents and Carers

I hope you are all well and that the term is progressing positively for your young person.

I wanted to confirm what our arrangements are for individuals within our community who have tested positive for Covid as there have been significant changes in the advice we have been given from Public Health England and the local authority.

Please ensure that members of the family are undertaking regular Lateral flow tests. If a Lateral flow test is positive, this should be followed up with a PCR test as soon as possible. Action will then be determined from the outcome of the PCR test. If it is positive, then the individual isolates. If it is negative, the individual can return to school.

If a member of the family tests positive for Covid, all members of the family should undertake a PCR test. Students should not attend school whilst awaiting the results of a PCR test.

If one member of the family has a positive PCR result, but a sibling's PCR test is negative, then the student with the negative PCR test can return to school. We ask that they continue to undertake daily Lateral flow tests however, during the period of isolation for the family member who tested positive, just to try and ensure they have not become unwell themselves during what could be an infectious period when Covid could be transmitted.

If a young person is unwell, then I know parents will take all possible precautions to ensure that they do not send a sick child into our school community. We are currently experiencing a significant rise in members of our students who are unwell and we obviously want to do everything possible to keep our community safe, and thus able to attend school.

Thank you in advance for your support and cooperation and I look forward to meeting you on an individual basis at one of our school events.

With every good wish.

Yours sincerely,

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Headteacher