



Mr J Lamb  
Headteacher

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Dear Parents and Carers

I wanted to write to update you on the current situation with COVID and our school. We do have an increasing number of positive COVID cases and, as a response, we have spoken with Public Health England this morning to ensure that we are managing this appropriately.

We do not currently need to implement any additional measures to reduce the spread of COVID within our school setting. All guidance is being followed, so we are continuing to ensure that sanitiser is used frequently, desks and work spaces are cleaned between use, we have increased ventilation where feasible in teaching and communal spaces, and lateral flow testing is prioritised.

Please may I request and strongly advise that all children are completing lateral flow tests twice weekly at home and then logging the results on our school system. This is the most important method of reducing the spread, so that asymptomatic students are not in school. Currently, we have tracked around 400 students testing, out of the school population of 1,200, with fewer tests being completed and logged by older students. The link to our logging system is here:

<https://forms.office.com/r/FscsjiRiB>

We are implementing some additional measures from today, which we believe are sensible to do at this point, which include moving assemblies that are across year groups to a virtual platform, and minimising contact between year groups outside during free time.

Other additional measures that may be taken in the next few days, dependent on advice from Public Health, include:

- the compulsory wearing of face masks in communal areas
- limiting non-essential visitors to school
- distancing for enrichment activities where year groups are mixing
- zoning during free time with staggered queue times for the canteen by year group.

All children who are away from school and isolating due to COVID will be contacted by email by Mrs Jenkins, Pastoral Support Officer. Please reply to Mrs Jenkins' email, so we can identify if your child needs support while at home. We will also ensure that work is set on Teams for students who are well enough to work while isolating. Do let Mrs Jenkins know if you have any issues with this. Homework will be available on ClassCharts, as usual.

Thank you in advance for your support with lateral flow testing and ensuring your child works while at home if they are able to. Do get in touch with your child's Tutor or Head of House if you have any specific questions at this time. I shall write again with updates if our situation changes.

Yours sincerely

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