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Dear Parents/Carers

I write to give you an update on positive Covid cases. Over the last 10 days we have had a further 15 confirmed cases in staff and students and a number awaiting PCR test results. Whilst the number is down on my last report, I am now concerned that cases may be being transmitted via school contacts. There is also a concentration of cases in Year 9 that may be considered an outbreak.

In order to reduce the risk of illness and disruption please be aware of the following.

Existing measures that have been in place since the start of term to be reinforced:

Students to be reminded about Hands, Face, Space and fresh air.

Hand sanitiser at the entrance to all buildings.

Staggered breaks and lunch with queuing in year group bubbles. Dedicated playground zones by year group.

Windows open / ventilation systems in operation.

Twice weekly home testing

With immediate effect and reviewed after 3 weeks:

Face coverings to be worn in canteen (further expectations may follow and all members of the school community may wear coverings at any time)

Assemblies will move online with a whole school online assembly tomorrow reminding students of measures.

All staff / parents' meetings will move online (open evening arrangements are being reviewed).

The school has been fogged today; this kills any virus and reduces the possibility of any spread via surfaces.

Whilst we want school to operate normally, we also want to ensure we are also protecting the community and minimising disruption as a result of isolations. Please can I urge all staff and students to complete a home test before attending school tomorrow. Please note that if you are using the new kits, please read the instructions as they are a double nasal swab.

We have enjoyed a great start to the term. It has been fantastic to see students learning and engaged in a full range of activities. By supporting our Covid measures, we can protect the return to normality.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Regards

Mr S. Matthews  
Headteacher