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Dear Parents and Carers,

## Covid Update

As you are aware we are continuing to have a few cases of Covid within the school community.

Whilst most adults are double vaccinated, and most children are not seriously ill with the virus, any child or adult who tests positive for Covid still has to isolate for 10 day. This has a huge impact on both education and family life, as well as being an unpleasant experience for the individual.

We need your help to reduce the spread of the virus within the school:

- If you child is unwell, please book a pcr test for them and do not send them to school unless and until you have a negative result. Whilst a 'snotty cough and cold' is not officially listed as a symptom, this is what children and adults, who have tested positive recently, have been suffering with. It has not necessarily been the classic symptoms of high temperature, new persistent cough or a change or loss of sense of taste or smell.
- If you have a positive case in your household or your child has been identified as a close contact from another source, they can still attend school as long as they remain well. You should book a pcr test for them and we would ask that they also carry out a daily lfd test, whilst awaiting the results. If your child subsequently becomes symptomatic following a negative test result, they should not attend school and should take a further pcr test, unless advised differently. Lfd tests can be sourced free from pharmacies.

This advice is sourced from UK Health Security Agency October 2021.

Thank you for your support in helping to keep our school community as safe and as healthy as possible.

Kind regards

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