

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> September 2021

Dear parent / carer,

You may be aware that there is now a significant increase in the number of positive COVID cases in schools both locally and nationally. There has also been a small number of positive cases within our school community, although there is no real evidence of in-school transmission at present. That said, the situation could change very rapidly. I am therefore keen to take a proactive approach to any potential outbreak and have been liaising with Public Health England to identify measures we can put in place at this point to limit any potential transmission in school.

This letter is therefore to inform you of the following measures which we have been advised to put in place. Hopefully these will be temporary measures and so will be reviewed in 2 weeks' time:

- Pupils and staff will once again be required to wear face-masks in communal areas/corridors
- Pupils should wear face-masks on school transport. This is a 'high risk' time of day where children are in very close proximity for an extended period of time often with limited ventilation
- Pupils to maintain social-distancing at all times

I would also like to reiterate the following advice to families:

- Please ensure LFD testing is taking place twice-weekly even if your child isn't displaying symptoms. **This is more important now than at any time.** Testing is absolutely key to preventing in-school transmission and so we may well be asking for frequency of testing to increase as more test kits arrive
- If your child develops any of the COVID symptoms, they should remain at home and arrange a PCR test immediately
- We recommend that all adults in your household also participate in twice-weekly LFD testing (tests can be ordered online)
- Hand hygiene is still essential. Please ensure that your child is bringing and using hand sanitiser every day

Thank you once again for your ongoing support and please rest assured that we are continuing to do all we can to ensure that the children can remain focussed on their learning within a reassuring and safe school environment.

Yours sincerely,



Dean Williams