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Dear Parents and Carers,

In schools and colleges locally and nationally, there has been a noticeable increase in positive cases of Covid-19. This week we have observed a small increase in Covid cases within our community. As a preventative measure, in order to prevent any further spread of the virus we are temporarily increasing our Covid Safe measures from the baseline protection measures. All new measures are in line with guidance from the UKHSA (UK Health Security Agency, formally Public Health England).

Baseline measures have been in place since the start of term. These are:

- Increased daily cleaning of the site, especially around common touch points.
- Increased ventilation
- Regular hand sanitisation
- Good respiratory hygiene- 'catch it, bin it, kill it'.
- Regularly asymptomatic testing (on Mondays and Thursdays) for all staff and students in KS3.
- Clear messages to not come to school with any Covid 19 symptoms (a high temperature; a new continuous cough and/or a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste) but to get a PCR test instead.

**From Monday 18th October 2021, the following additional controls will be put in place which will be shared with the children today. Please can you help by ensuring that your child is prepared:**

- Face coverings **must** be worn in inside communal areas except for those who are exempt. A World Health Organisation YouTube clip on the safe wearing of face coverings can be found here: [https://youtu.be/9Tv2BVN\\_WTk](https://youtu.be/9Tv2BVN_WTk) which may be helpful for children in Year 7 if they have not regularly worn a face covering before.
- Face coverings may be worn in classrooms if your child wishes to do so.
- All assemblies will be virtual from Monday 18th October 2021.
- The cleaning of classrooms in between use will be increased.
- Requests to children to hand sanitise will be stepped up and children may bring their own hand sanitiser with them if they prefer.
- Please can you support us by ensuring that your child in KS3 is Lateral Flow Testing at least twice a week. We would like them to take their tests either, before school on Monday and Thursday mornings or Sunday and Wednesday evenings.

You will need to report each test result to **both**:

(1) [NHS Test and Trace](#)

(2) The school by completing the online form [LF test link for Students to school office](#).

Your child can get additional tests from reception or you can order them as a household online

(<https://www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests>)



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**Please note that the reporting of all Lateral Flow Test results takes only a few minutes and is really important to support our school community.**

- Distancing between staff is being recommended and staff may choose to wear a face covering when circulating around the classroom.

These measures will be reviewed on **Monday 8th November 2021**. If Covid numbers have declined, we will relax measures; if they are similar, these will stay in place for longer; and if rates have gone up we will consider stepping up our Covid Safety measures further.

I am sorry to have to re-introduce more control measures but hopefully, by proactively taking this early action, it will help to prevent any increase in cases.

Thank you for everything you are doing in helping us to keep everyone safe.

Yours sincerely,



Dr D Craddock

Headteacher