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Dear Parents/Carers

As you will all be aware the Northwest is regarded as having a significant increase in positive cases associated with the COVID virus variant strain known as the 'Delta Variant.' There are several areas where cases have been rising significantly including Preston, Chorley, South Ribble, Fylde along with Blackburn and the surrounding districts.

Advice is to continue to be vigilant and follow all the guidance that is now well established in terms of face covering, hand hygiene and maintaining social distancing and air flow. Public Health Northwest advises further and is asking people to limit indoor contact and travel in and out of the area. Although it does re-iterate this is guidance only.

Schools have also been asked to remain as vigilant as possible and limit any further wider opening.

In line with this it is timely to remind everyone that any individual young person who shows any of the classic signs or symptoms of the virus whilst in school must be collected ASAP and undergo a PCR test either at a test centre or via a postal test as soon as possible, a Lateral Flow Test will not be deemed sufficient.

Any positive cases will be tracked and close contacts in school will be asked to self-isolate for 10 days.

To support unnecessary congestion and congregation at the front entrance, school have ensured that Breakfast Club is available (free of charge) in the annex building at the community entrance side of school at the start of the day for any early arrivals either via parent drop off or via transport. This will also free up car park spaces and encourage a free flow of traffic throughout.

Similarly at the end of the day any parents collecting their child should remain in their vehicle or, if on foot, ensure social distances are maintained prior to collecting



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your child to avoid any unnecessary congestion at the end of the day and help staff ensure students are collected promptly and those who are required to meet taxis or escorts, do so safely.

Whilst the government is considering the next stage in further reductions in restrictions and continued wider opening of society and greater contact between friends and families. Schools will continue to follow the national guidance and local advice.

Thank you, everybody, for your help and support in the matters above as we all continue to do our very best to keep everyone associated with school safe and virus free.

Regards

Shaun Jukes
Headteacher