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Dear Parents/Carers and Guardians

I am writing to update everyone on the current situation in school in relation to levels of Coronavirus and the contingency actions and arrangements.

Whilst not headline news, almost all schools, are seeing a steady rise in positive cases both amongst staff and students. In line with DFE and UKHSA guidance we have initiated our contingency arrangements and departments are operating as 'bubbles' to minimise the mixing and movement of students and staff as much as possible within reason and balance, without compromising the quality of teaching and learning and personal, social, and emotional care.

In practise this means:

- Delivering as much as the curriculum as possible within each dept area - if specialist rooms must be used all the procedures for maintaining hygiene, clean down etc are followed with increased vigilance.
- Lunchtime will continue as they are but emphasize the minimising of mixing at crossover times. Breaktimes will be departmental and avoid crossover times
- Staff, visitors and professionals are requested to revert back to wearing face coverings in communal areas and corridors (not classrooms)
- In general, no off-site activity/visits will take place other than individually pre-planned activity.
- **Follow the Dept for Education guidance school has a 'send-home' policy if any symptoms are evident including high temperature/new persistent cough/loss of taste or smell; and any combination of symptoms such as cold-like runny nose, tickly throat, headache, fatigue - which are being seen commonly now. Those with symptoms will be requested to undertake a PCR test, informing school of the result.**
- **Should a student have a positive test result the Guidance for Education is that they isolate for at least 5 days and only return after having 2 consecutive days with a negative Lateral flow test**
- **If a student presents as unwell, please do not send them to school**
- Twice weekly and reporting of Lateral Flow Device testing is paramount and actively encouraged/recommended for all staff and students.

The above arrangements will be reviewed weekly up to the Easter holiday break.

I hope everyone can appreciate these arrangements are in place to maintain routine, structure, and a sense of normality and consider the safety and well-being of both students and staff in school in a reasonable and proportionate way. I would like to take the opportunity to thank everyone, for your help, support and understanding about the measures in place.

Yours Sincerely.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Shaun Jukes', written in a cursive style.

Shaun Jukes
Headteacher