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Dear parent/carer

I wanted to update you re the increasing number of Covid cases across our region. You may have seen this on the news or read about it. On Monday the Prime Minister informed us that the plan to remove any further Covid measures on June 21<sup>st</sup> were to be delayed.

In school there has been an increase in the number of students testing positive for Covid. The number is still very small, but I wanted to alert you to this so that you can support us by ensuring that our students do 2 lateral flow tests a week. I also wanted to outline a few changes so that you understand what happens.

If a child tests positive on one of our 'home' kits, a lateral flow test, we will ask you to have this confirmed by doing a PCR test. This is the test that is sent off overnight and the results are emailed and/or texted to you. Your child and your household have to self-isolate. If the test you send away comes back negative, your child can return to school and you no longer need to self-isolate. Any students who were close or direct contacts no longer have to self-isolate too and we will inform you if your child is one of the group affected by a positive case.

Although the symptoms of Covid outlined from the beginning still remain (high temperature, loss of smell and/or taste and a new and persistent cough), there are now other recognised symptoms. Headache, sore throat and a runny nose are now highlighted as other symptoms. Obviously we are in our hay fever season and some symptoms could be mistaken for hay fever. If your child could take their hay fever medication before coming to school, this would be appreciated. Usually hay fever medication is fast-acting, so it would be obvious if the symptoms did not improve.

The situation at the minute is very fast-moving and I am waiting on Public Health England to update schools on any further measures. We still have our masks in communal areas and the one-way system is in place. I will let you know as soon as I can of any PHE updates.

Advance notice that July 1<sup>st</sup> is our last INSET day of this academic year. There will be no students from Years 7 - 10 in school on that day. Year 12 students will be in in the morning as part of their Post-18 Week.

Thank you, as always, for your support. Please let us know if we can help in any way or you have further questions.

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