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Dear Parents and Carers

### COVID-19 Infections

Thank you for your support since the students returned to fulltime schooling in March.

You may have read in the media that the threat of new infections in and around schools is increasing again.

I am, therefore, making a few temporary changes to the 'protective measures' we have in place.

From Monday 5 July 2021, the following measures will be in place for a two week period:

- Masks to be worn in corridors and busy indoor areas (not lessons).
- All classes to have a detailed seating plan to support contact tracing.
- Assemblies will be suspended until further notice.
- Greater ventilation of classrooms and corridors.
- Checks on testing for students.
- Re-establish in-school Lateral Flow Testing for students and staff identified as close contacts.

These measures will be reviewed on Friday 16 July, pending further information on the local infection rate.

**All students and staff must test twice a week with Lateral Flow Tests (more tests are available in school).**

#### What happens if?

- If your Lateral Flow Test result is positive, you must stay at home and contact the school. All members of your household are to complete a Lateral Flow Test. Any positive results must be confirmed by booking a PCR test via <https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test>
- If your Lateral Flow Test is positive, book a PCR Test. Also, you must prepare a list of close contacts that you need to share with school.
- Those close contacts will complete a Lateral Flow Test in school while we await confirmation of PCRs:
  - If positive – they will be sent home to book a PCR Test.
  - If negative – they will remain in school and be directed to complete Lateral Flow Tests for at least the next four days.

It may not be possible to speak with every parent or carer if students have to take a Lateral Flow Test in school. If your child needs to self-isolate as an outcome of the above process, you will be contacted directly by text and email.

I hope that these are temporary measures that we need to take in order to keep our community safe. Your support with regular testing and clear communication with us here at school is greatly appreciated.

Yours sincerely

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