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Dear Parent / Carer

As you will be aware from previous communications we have experienced a rise in the number of positive cases on campus, with two more cases reported this morning in Year 11. As always we are in close contact with the DFE/ PHE and LA after each case to see if any additional action is required.

As a leadership team we have reviewed our Risk Mitigation and have also shared our plans with Trustees. As a result, we have today taken the following actions with a view to enhancing what has already been in place:

- Increased cleaning regimes across the campus
- All staff to be provided with cleaning materials to allow for even greater levels of cleaning throughout the day
- The school will undergo a deep clean
- All students to be briefed around the actions they must follow - reinforcing the messages shared already around - Hands, Face and Space
- All staff to be briefed around the routines they must follow - again reinforcing the messages that have already been shared
- We will also be asking students to wear face coverings throughout the school day when inside our building, including classrooms

Additionally we are also exploring the possibility of introducing staggered break and lunch periods to see if we can reduce the number of possible contacts even further during these times. It is important to note that compared to many schools we are blessed with large outside spaces, which means our year groups have distinct zones during social times and are largely outside. This has significantly reduced the amount of movement within cramped corridors, as most students circulate outside the two buildings.

As a school we continue to review our approaches and will also continue to seek guidance from outside agencies. This is very much a community effort and we all have our part to play. To this end it is really important that students who present any of the recognised symptoms of COVID-19 are not sent to school and a test is taken. It is also critical that when students have been sent home to self isolate they adhere to the guidance around this as explained in the letters.

I would like to thank your children for their attitude and approach to dealing with this pandemic as the challenges have been significant and also to thank you for your ongoing support. We are doing our best, we want to keep your children, your families and our staff as safe as possible, especially as we approach Christmas.

Together, as a community we will get through this.

Yours sincerely

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