

25<sup>th</sup> May 2021

**Re: Positive Covid Case in School**



Dear parents, carers and guardians,

I have no doubt that today in the news you have heard about the advice that has emerged urging additional precautions in areas hardest hit by the Indian coronavirus variant. The advice published online on Friday, without an announcement, included Leicester and urges "an extra cautious approach". Leicester's Director of Public Health was only made aware of it last night and has stated that they have a plan in place for stepping up our vaccination rate as agreed with the Government last week.

In school today we have had two cases of Covid in Year 11, our first in the Academy for over 4 weeks. All parents of the students identified as close contacts have been already contacted today and their child sent home today to isolate. This has been difficult for these students as they approach the end of their final GCSE year.

It is likely that transmission in this instance may have occurred at an outdoor gathering between a number of students which took place outside of school. Close contacts that took place outside of school have also been traced and asked to self-isolate for 10 days. From my own experiences of dealing with track and trace over the last 15 months, it seems that this variant is very transmissible so we should all exercise caution. If your child shows symptoms then you should book a PCR test and not send them to school.

I am asking all parents and carers to support us in reducing wider transmission in our school by talking this letter through with your child. Please remind them to;

- Take a LFD test issued by school twice a week (Wed/Sun), and upload results to our website link. This should be done weekly, not just when you have symptoms.
- Book a PCR test if you have Covid symptoms and isolate
- Wear a face covering in communal areas and on public/school transport
- Maintain social distancing when in social groups
- Meet outside rather than inside where possible
- Sanitise hands and show good respiratory hygiene

The same [national guidance](#) continues to apply at our Academy and education settings can remain open.

Yours sincerely,

Mr. Brown  
Headteacher

