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Dear all Parents & Carers

I hope this email finds you all safe and well.

Firstly, unfortunately I need to inform you of the current local context around Covid-19 and the implications on us as an Academy. I am sure you are aware that there has been a recent significant spike in the local area, of positive cases. This is also replicated across our student body where this week in particular, we have seen a rise in positive cases, although our numbers are lower (proportionally & total) than other schools.

We have taken advice from the Local Authority, our own Trust and Public Health England, and will be introducing various measures to try and stabilise and decrease the number of positive cases.

The large majority of these measures will be hygiene and enhanced cleaning based, such as frequent use of fogging machines and the high frequency cleaning of common contact areas (banisters, taps, door handles, desks, chairs etc.)

We are going to advise students from Monday to wear face coverings in communal areas such as corridors. Please note, this is currently advisory, and it is still the student's choice whether they do this. However, with vaccination rates in young people very low - it is a good option for students to have, if they wish.

Can I also please advise that you maintain twice weekly testing at home with your child, using the Lateral Flow Tests that we provide. Regular testing at home means we can pick up potential positive cases much more quickly and provide you with the appropriate advice when necessary. Please remember that a positive Lateral Flow Test must be backed up with a confirmatory PCR test. The PCR test will determine whether further isolation is necessary.

Many thanks to all the parents & carers who have responded to our recent Parent Survey. Please note that the survey is still open, and I am always keen to hear your thoughts on how the Academy is progressing.

<https://forms.office.com/r/XhwbmCe7r5>

I will ensure that I reply to all parents & carers with any common questions that come up during the survey.

Kind Regards

Mr B Pearce
Principal