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Dear Parents/Carers

ADVICE TO ALL PARENTS - WARN AND INFORM

Today I have contacted the DfE helpline for reporting positive Covid-19 cases in an educational setting. We have advised them of a number of positive cases in year groups across the College. This letter is to inform you of the current situation and provide advice on how to support your child. Can I thank all parents who have communicated so swiftly and clearly with us to allow us to effectively make decisions, it is appreciated.

The majority of cases that we have reported at this stage are within Year 7, although all other year groups have identified some cases in very small numbers.

The College remains open and your child should continue to attend as normal if they remain well.

What will we do?

We are working in reference to our Outbreak Management Plan and will implement some of the mitigations as appropriate to each year group. A summary infographic of the possible measures is attached for your interest and we will be advising staff and students as appropriate. At this stage we will be considering actions within Stage 1 which at the current time will include:

- Ensuring all possible ventilation is utilised.
- Ensuring enhanced cleaning remains in place.
- Reminding that face masks remain an option for all, at this stage we are not making this mandatory.
- Reflecting on assemblies as appropriate.

These could be enhanced or adapted at any stage as we continue to monitor the situation.

For students who are self-isolating but are well and able to work they will be provided with remote learning as similar as possible to that undertaken by the rest of the class.



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What can you do?

The following represent actions we would very much like you to consider at home to ensure the College is able to continue to function as normally as possible for all:

- We encourage household members that are aged 11 and over to continue with twice weekly LFD testing to help identify cases promptly.
- If your child has any symptoms of Covid-19 get a PCR test and remain at home at least until the result is known.
- Consider events and activities attended in social time outside of College and apply sensible precautions.
- Please be considerate that staff may be combining teaching in the classroom alongside remote provision for those self-isolating. They will be following our Remote Learning protocols. Please ensure students who are able to, engage fully and work hard to complete all work set, contact the teacher if there are any questions whilst understanding their time will be divided.

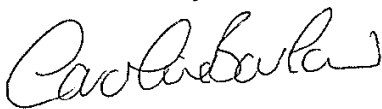
We have been informed that NHS Track and Trace will be in touch with those who can be identified as potential close contacts. They will be given advice about whether they are required to self-isolate or not. The College is no longer conducting contact tracing since the change in guidance in July 2021. If you think your child is a close contact but has not been contacted directly by NHS Test and Trace please follow [the guidance here](#).

We have included an information sheet with this letter that includes details sent by the DfE/PHE which should answer most questions.

If you have any concerns about your son/daughter at this time please do not hesitate to let your pastoral staff know so that we can plan together the necessary support.

Thank you for your continued support, the goal for all of us is to ensure students and staff are able to continue with their teaching and learning, remaining healthy, happy and as undisrupted as possible.

Yours sincerely



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