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Dear Parents/Carers

We now have 17 confirmed positive cases of COVID-19 across the whole school both with staff and pupils with several cases confirmed over the weekend. Therefore, can I ask where possible that all pupils complete a Lateral Flow Test daily for the rest of this week. Should you require LFT kits, please contact the school.

Some of the symptoms to look out for are:

- Sore Throat
- Temperature
- Cough
- Lack of taste or smell

A number of our pupils who have tested positive have been sick also, so this may be another symptom to look out for. If your child has any of these symptoms, then they should be PCR tested and only return to school once they have received a negative result or if the result were to come back positive that they have isolated for 10 days.

Due to the number of positive cases, we will be reverting back to some of the measures that we had in the summer term. All staff will be required to wear face coverings in communal areas and can I ask that if your child is able, could they please wear a face covering on transport and in the corridors. We will be moving back to key stage bubbles which means that staff and pupils will remain in their area and not be used to cover in other areas of the school. There are a few staff who will however need to continue to work across the school.

I am sure that you will appreciate that this is a difficult situation and staffing within certain parts of the school have been significantly affected. It would not be appropriate to use staff from other areas of the school to cover as this as they may then transmit infection into other parts of the school. Whist I was hoping to keep disruption to a minimum, we will need to operate a rota this week to ensure class bases are staffed safely. The table below indicates when your child <u>WILL</u> be in school. Home activities are available on the school website <u>www.st-ants.org</u> under Home Learning.

Primary

Monday 20th	Tuesday 21st	Wednesday 22nd	Thursday 23rd	Friday 24th
Apple 2	Apple 2	Apple 2	Apple 1	Apple 1
	Chestnut	Chestnut	Chestnut	Chestnut
	Oak/Rowan	Oak/Rowan	Oak/Rowan	Oak/Rowan
	Hawthorn	Hawthorn	Hawthorn	Hawthorn
	Beech	Beech	Beech	Beech
	Sycamore	Sycamore	Sycamore	Sycamore
	Birch	Birch	Birch	Birch
	Yew	Yew	Yew	Yew

Secondary

Monday 20th	Tuesday 21st	Wednesday 22nd	Thursday 23rd	Friday 24th
	Year 7	Year 8	Year 7	Year 7
	Year 9	Year 9	Year 8	Year 8
	Year 10	Year 10	Year 10	Year 9
	Year 11	Year 11	Year 11	Year 11

I am hoping this this will be a temporary measure for this week only and hope to return back to a full timetable across the school from Monday 27th September. I very much recognise the impact that this has on our families and I sincerely apologise for the disruption.

Best wishes and thank you for your continued support and understanding.

Yours sincerely Helen Ball Headteacher