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Dear Parents/Carers

I hope everyone has had a good half term. Unfortunately we have returned to school with a number of staff and pupils who have tested positive for COVID over the break. Can I please ask where possible that all pupils continue with a minimum of twice weekly testing. Should you require LFT kits, please contact the school. I would also ask parents not to send in their child should they display any symptoms.

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 have a PCR test 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.

Similarly, can I request that if anyone in your household tests positive for COVID, then you do not send your child into school until they have had a PCR test and they have received negative result.

I was very much hoping that we would not be affected by COVID on our return, however with the number of staff currently absent, certain parts of the school have been significantly affected. Whilst 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. Staff currently off with COVID should return to school next Monday after their 10 day isolation. The table below indicates which groups **WILL NOT** be in school this week.

Primary

| Tuesday 2 nd November | Wednesday 3 rd November | Thursday 4 th November | Friday 5 th November |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Chestnut 1 | Chestnut 2 | Sycamore 1&2 | Rowan |

Secondary

| Tuesday 2 nd November | Wednesday 3 rd November | Thursday 4 th November | Friday 5 th November |
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| Year 10 | Year 7 | Year 11 | Year 8 |

I am hoping that this will be a temporary measure for this week only and hope to return back to a full timetable across the school from Monday 8th November.

Home activities are available in the Learning Zone on the school website.

This is not a decision that has been made lightly as I very much recognise the impact this has on our pupils and on our families. However I also need to ensure that we have safe staffing levels in school. I sincerely apologise for the disruption.

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

Helen Ball
Headteacher