



Dear Parents/Carers

Thank you for your support with measures to reduce transmission in the school community. We continue to experience a growing number of cases, particularly in Year 7 (15 positive cases and 6 awaiting results). We currently have 27 confirmed cases across the school.

We are making some changes from today on the advice from the Local Authority to reduce risk further.

- Separating social spaces for Year 7 (they will be based in the main Dining Hall during the Key Stage 3 break and lunch with Years 8 and 9 using the Atrium and Common Room).
- Wiping down desks and the backs of chairs at the end of Year 7 lessons.
- Targeting touch point cleaning to Year 7 areas.

We have also made adjustments to music, dance and PE lessons and risk assessments to reduce the risks associated with exercising/singing indoors.

Staff will be explaining these changes to students today. **Please continue to reinforce the need for mask wearing and good hygiene with your children.** We are concerned that a small number of students require regular reminders of the expectation to wear their face masks in communal areas and on buses.

With a large number of positive cases in our local primary schools, we believe that sibling contacts have contributed to our case rate. **If you have a household case of Covid-19, please can you ensure that you conduct daily Lateral Flow Tests for the duration of the isolation period even if you receive a negative PCR result as an additional precaution.**

We'll review these arrangements and monitor case rates closely over the coming week. **Please remember to log your child's Lateral Flow Test result this evening.**

Thank you.

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