

28 September 2021

Principal - Tony Head
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Dear Parents,

Since our return at the start of September 2021 we have regrettably had a number of positive Covid cases within the school. When these have occurred we have followed government guidance and have kept parents of children in the affected year groups informed, which we will continue to do.

However, over the last 24 hours we have had two PCR confirmed positive cases within staff and two positive lateral flow tests within pupils.

We know that you may find this concerning but we are continuing to monitor the situation, and we are ensuring that any pupil who tests positive will not attend school until the end of their self-isolation period.

The reason I am sharing this information is two fold. Firstly, so that you are aware of the current situation in the school concerning covid numbers and secondly to make you aware that if positive cases continue to rise, we may be required to reintroduce measures that were in place last year, until case numbers are back under control.

If we do find ourselves with a continued rapid rise in cases, we will of course inform you as early as possible of the situation and the measure that we will be taking. These measures will include (but are not limited to) the return to year group bubbles, staggered breaks and lunch times, and staggered starts and ends to the school day, the wearing of face masks when dropping off and collecting children.

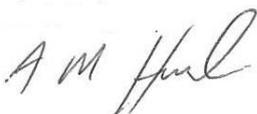
This is something that we, as a school, will only do as a last resort, under the guidance of Public Health England.

If significant numbers of staff test positive, we may also find ourselves in a position of having staffing issues. We have already experienced difficulty in acquiring cover teachers from supply agencies this year, as all schools within Southampton deal with increasing Covid cases.

To help us remain open, can I please encourage you to take part in twice weekly lateral flow testing, if you are not already doing so, and to leave the school area as soon as possible once you have either dropped off or picked up your children.

Thankyou for your continued support.

Yours Sincerely



Tony Head

Principal

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