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POSTIVE CASES IN 11G1 GEOGRAPHY

Dear Parent or Carer,

I hope you are well. As mentioned in last week's newsletter, the start of term has been successful and our mass testing programme has gone well. We have, however, identified a small number of cases in one of our Year 11 Geography classes, Class 11G1.

We know that you may find this concerning, but we are continuing to monitor the situation and are working closely with Public Health and the Local Authority. Under procedures for Step 4 of the Government's roadmap, schools & colleges are no longer involved in the contact tracing process. We have, however, been asked to advise all students in 11G1 Geography **to increase their lateral flow testing to one per day, for a period of 10 days**. We are also advising that these students **arrange to go for a PCR test** - they do not need to isolate whilst awaiting their result.

All adults and children aged 11 plus are advised to take part in twice weekly lateral flow device (LFD) home testing, and we would strongly advise that this continues, after this 10 day period. Any results should be reported to the NHS and all positive results reported to the school/setting.

Close contacts under the age of 18 years and 6 months are not required to isolate. Individuals who have had close contact with the positive case may be contacted by Test & Trace. Contacts in an educational setting will be traced if the positive case specifically identifies an individual as having close contact which will normally have occurred in a social setting e.g., sleepovers, and they may be advised to book a PCR test and/or limit their social contact.

Children or staff who shared a classroom or space in College will not be counted as close contacts unless they are specifically identified, and they should continue to attend as normal. They can also carry out all other activities, in line with national guidance and following all safety measures which have been put in place, based on national and local Public Health advice.

If your child, or anyone else in the house develops any COVID-19 symptoms, they should isolate and book a PCR test. Please remember to let the College know about any possible cases or any other symptoms/illnesses your child develops, which should be treated like any other childhood illness.



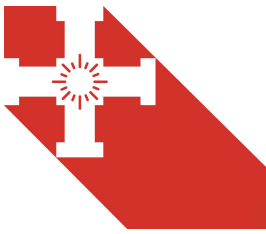
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May I also remind you that whilst the wearing of face-coverings is not required by law, and it is not currently an expectation that they are worn around College or in classrooms, we do allow students to wear them, if they wish to do so.

What to do if anyone in the household develop symptoms of COVID 19

If anyone develops symptoms of COVID-19, they should remain at home for at least 10 days from the date when their symptoms appeared as advised in <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance>

Anyone with symptoms can request a test for via <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-getting-tested>.

Further Information

Further information is available at <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

Yours sincerely

God Bless

Tim Beesley
Principal



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