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Dear Parents/Carers,

## **Covid-19 Update**

We are writing to make you aware that we have a very small number of students who have tested positive for coronavirus (Covid-19) in the last few days. These students are in Years 7, 8, 9 and 11 and some of them use the 616 bus service.

We realise that you may find this concerning but we are continuing to closely monitor the situation. This letter is to inform you of the current situation and provide advice on how to support your child. Please be reassured that for most people, coronavirus (COVID-19) will be a mild illness.

In line with recent changes to the guidance for schools, NHS Test & Trace are now responsible for identifying and contacting anyone who may have been in close contact with the students who have tested positive for coronavirus (COVID-19).

In school, we continue to maintain the following control measures:-

### **1. Ensure good hygiene for everyone**

- Hand hygiene - Frequent and thorough hand cleaning with soap and water or hand sanitiser.
- Respiratory hygiene – Students are reminded of the 'catch it, bin it, kill it' approach.

### **2. Maintaining appropriate cleaning regimes**

We have enhanced cleaning throughout the school of all touch points, toilets, etc.

### **3. Ventilation**

All areas of the school are well ventilated. Classroom windows are open during the day and open doors allow ventilation throughout the corridors.

In addition to the measures in school, we welcome your support in encouraging your child to

- wash or sanitise their hands frequently during the day,
- wear a face covering on school transport, unless exempt,
- sit in year groups on school transport.

As mentioned in the email sent home last week, following the in-school lateral flow testing, students should now be completing twice weekly tests at home and uploading the results.

Full details of the current national guidance on symptoms, testing, vaccination and self-isolating can be found here <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

Thank you for your continuing support in keeping our school community safe.

Yours sincerely,



Tom Maltby