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Dear Parents / Carers

I am writing to advise you that we are starting to see a significant increase in the number of positive cases for COVID-19 throughout the school community.

Whilst we are following government guidance to ensure that rooms are ventilated, and a one-way system is in place to ease corridor congestion, it is evident that the rate of infection remains high and as you may be aware, across North Lincolnshire it remains above the national average.

At this time, we are politely requesting that you remain vigilant and that you reinforce the messages we have given to our students in school around maintaining social distancing and sanitising frequently.

We would also recommend that you increase the frequency of your lateral flow tests and where possible, at this time, test on a daily basis. Face masks remain optional, however if you are concerned, then we would recommend wearing them on the corridors and in transition around school as an additional precaution.

It is absolutely essential that if you receive a positive test result, that you follow guidance for isolating and that you notify the school that the reason for absence is due to a positive lateral flow test. This will allow us to maintain an accurate picture of the impact COVID is having in school and will help us to work with the DfE and Public Health England to implement the appropriate steps necessary to help keep the school safe and ultimately therefore, open.

We are committed to keeping you as well informed as possible and for this reason, we will communicate the number of positive cases that we have via text message. This is solely as a precaution and to help keep you informed. We do still maintain that school is safe to attend. However, we respect that it is important that you are kept well informed to enable you to make any decisions you feel necessary relevant to your own personal circumstances.

Thank you for your ongoing support and understanding

Mr Rowlands