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Dear parents and carers

We are writing to provide you with a further update relating to COVID-19 infection rates at Winterton Community Academy.

At present, we have around 13% of the school population absent with COVID-19 and so it is evident that the infection rate remains high. I have held further discussions with Public Health Lincs to discuss our response as a school and at this time we will remain operating within our year group bubbles for the foreseeable future.

We recommend that students wear face masks when in transition around the school and they sanitise their hands frequently. We ask that students also remain within their year groups wherever possible including at break and lunch and that they continue to socially distance as is appropriate.

We have been offered the opportunity for a mobile testing unit to be sent to the school, to allow staff and students immediate access to a PCR test, which provides a greater degree of accuracy than only using lateral flow tests. We will notify you as to when this is available and I would advise you that only those students who have been given consent to test, will take a PCR test. This measure will help to identify anyone who is asymptomatic and is fundamental in allowing us to reduce the measures that we have in place in school.

In the meantime, we have been advised to recommend to you that you continue to test your children on a daily basis, particularly in Year 9 where at this stage we have the highest number of confirmed cases.

I would like to thank you once again for your continued support and understand in helping us to respond to these difficult circumstances.

Kind regards

Mr Rowlands