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Dear Parents/Guardians

Covid Mitigations - Autumn Term 2021 Update 2

I wrote to you at the start of the term regarding the measures we were taking to minimise the risk for students and staff. Last week, I provided an update on these measures, with the additional mitigations we needed to take due to the increase in positive Covid cases, and said we would be reviewing them on a weekly basis.

On this basis the following mitigations and information have been updated or received during the last week:

- Lateral Flow & PCR Testing all students should continue to do two lateral flow tests per week at home.
 - o If they have a positive test, they should then have a follow up PCR Test.
 - o If the PCR test is negative, they can return to school.
 - o If the PCR is positive, NHS Test & Trace will notify you of the period of isolation.
 - If other members of the family test positive, your son or daughter can still come to school if they have a negative result from a test.

In addition to these testing arrangements we have been informed by Public Health Wiltshire that if any student has been in contact with a positive case and has symptoms they should book a PCR test.

- Covid & Flu Vaccinations we have been informed that these are scheduled to take
 place in school, for eligible students, on Wednesday 6 October; as for previous
 vaccinations parental consent will be sought through the normal route.
- Sporting Fixtures fixtures this week against other schools will be cancelled or rearranged, including the rugby on Saturday 25 September.

The following mitigations will continue as before:

- Face Masks all year groups will still be required to wear face masks in lessons, sixth
 form study rooms, ICT rooms and the library. (This will not apply if you are exempt
 from wearing a mask as previously outlined by the guidance)
- School Assemblies weekly assemblies and collective worship for multiple year groups have been paused. The individual year group assemblies and Chapel Services will continue as previously outlined.
- Rooms to be well ventilated all windows and doors to be open to allow air to circulate. All room usage should ideally be no longer than an hour in length and students should leave the rooms after this time to allow the air to replenish.

- **Hand sanitising** the hand sanitiser dispensers on-site will remain in place and should continue to be used to help with basic hygiene measures.
- **Designated outdoor areas** all year groups will continue to have specific areas of the school to use at break and lunch times.

We will continue to review these measures on a weekly basis to make the school as safe as possible.

With regards

Graham Lloyd

Deputy Headmaster