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Dear Parents/Carers

I am writing to update you on how this half term is progressing and our plans moving forward.

As you will no doubt be aware we have had a number of positive Covid 19 cases in school, across all year groups and across the staff body. These positive cases have inevitably caused disruption in school as we have had to make difficult decisions about the number of people who have had to self-isolate.

Moving forward we are introducing a set of protocols that have been developed with Public Health professionals and the Local Authority that we hope will minimise disruption in the future. These protocols will mean that we track and trace, as far as possible, direct and close contacts of the positive case in the 24 hours following notification and it will only be these contacts that are advised to self-isolate for 14 days.

In order for us to do this we will be asking all students to provide us with the names of their 'social group'-this is people they spend time with at break and lunch. This alongside the class information that we hold for each child should help us with the contact tracing process.

I have attached a full set of the protocols along with this letter. Please take the time to read them.

Whilst we are working hard to reduce the impact on individuals at this time, and contribute to provide high quality educational experience when children are at home, it has to be acknowledged that it is inevitable during the pandemic that there is going to be disruption and challenge. I want to re-assure you that we are doing all that we can to mitigate this as far as it possible for us to do so, and we are completely committed to ensuring that your child continues to thrive in school.

In order for us to gather the necessary information about your child's social group, can I ask you to ensure that they have accessed their school email and completed the google form. This information will not be shared with anyone else and will be used solely to identify potential contacts in the event of a positive case.

The google link for each year group can be found here:

Sixth Form: Students have already completed

Year 11: www.shorturl.at/sMQX6

Year 10: www.shorturl.at/izY34

Year 9: www.shorturl.at/rDW04

Year 8: www.shorturl.at/vCD18

Year 7: www.shorturl.at/depr6

Thank you for your cooperation and ongoing support.

Yours faithfully

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