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Dear Parent,

Last week I wrote to you because Public Health England had asked us to let you know that we had confirmed Covid-19 cases in school. [Covid-19 Update Michaelmas 2021](#) Although numbers remain low, they have continued to rise and have therefore reached a threshold where we have been advised to put in additional targeted interventions.

We will therefore be asking all pupils in year 7 and above to wear a face covering when moving around the school indoors, e.g. corridors and communal areas. Pupils will not need to wear them in classrooms unless they choose to do so. As such they should come to school with a face covering and a suitable plastic bag to store it in when it is not in use. Face coverings should not be extreme in style or offensive.

All visitors to the school should also wear a face covering when inside the school building.

Pupils should continue to wash their hands regularly; from when they arrive in school, return from breaks, change classrooms, before eating and when changing their face covering. Hand sanitisers are being used where hand washing is not practicable, for instance before and after using key pads to go into Houses.

We will also be reducing the group sizes when we have assemblies, but they will still take place in the usual way or on TEAMS.

Some measures have remained in place throughout and pupils should continue to follow these:

### **Face Coverings**

Pupils in Year 7 or above are still required to wear a face covering when on College transport and when in and around the dining hall.

### **Hygiene**

Pupils should continue to wash their hands regularly; from when they arrive in school, return from breaks, change classrooms, before eating and when changing their face covering. Hand sanitisers are being used where hand washing is not practicable, for instance before and after using key pads to go into Houses.

### **Parents Driving to School**

The one-way system between 8.20am–8.40am and 5.15pm–5.40pm is still in place during the school week.

Years 3 to 6: Enter school through the gate near Lower School and drop off/pickup in the Lower School bus park and then exit through the same gate.

Years 7 and 8: Enter school through the gate near Lower School and drop off/pickup in the Tennis Centre car park and then exit through the same gate.

Years 9 to 13: Enter school through the gate near Lower School and drop off/pickup near St Hilda's and in the main quad. You should leave by turning left out of the main quad to exit down at the main gate of the school, (passing the swimming pool). Please **do not** park on the road by the pool. If you are waiting for a swimmer please park on Parry's.

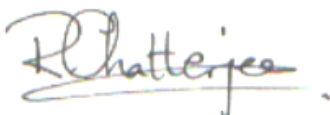
This one-way system and new drop off/pickup system are only for the start and end of the school day, 8.20am-8.40am and 5.15pm-5.40pm.

### **Testing**

Twice weekly LFD testing should be continued as before. If your child develops symptoms of coronavirus (Covid-19) or has a positive LFD test, they should get a PCR test and remain at home at least until the result is known. If negative, the child can end self-isolation; if positive, the child should isolate until at least ten days after their symptoms appeared.

Thank you for your co-operation in these matters. Hopefully this will only be for a short time and we will review everything again at half term.

With all good wishes,



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