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## COVID-19 UPDATE

Dear Parent,

### **Covid-19 Measures**

This term we have had a rise in positive Covid-19 cases in school, throughout all year groups as well as amongst staff. Given the continued rise in numbers, Shropshire Public Health have advised us to keep all existing measures in place, to help reduce the spread. This does mean that face coverings in both communal areas and classrooms will stay in place in the short term. This will be reviewed on a regular basis and once numbers drop to an acceptable level, measures will be reduced.

### **Testing: PCR and LFD**

LFD testing is for regular asymptomatic testing. If anyone is feeling unwell with Covid-19 symptoms they should immediately self-isolate and book a PCR, even if an LFD test still shows negative.

Example of when to PCR (and isolate):

- You feel unwell with Covid-19 symptoms (this is day 0, if the PCR comes back positive).
- You LFD test (which shows negative), but then feel unwell with Covid-19 symptoms (this is day 0, if the PCR comes back positive).

If LFD testing (asymptomatic) and the result comes back positive, you must self-isolate immediately. This is day 0. There is no need for a confirmatory PCR test.

An LFD test should not be used to check if you have Covid-19 if you are displaying symptoms, you must get a PCR and isolate. For small viral loads the LFD may come back negative.

Kind regards,

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