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Dear Parent/Guardian

COVID Update for Whole School and Year 7 and 9 PCR Test

Following on from my letter earlier this week, I wanted to write to you with further updates.

Update for Whole School

Wokingham Borough Council have now stated that any sibling of a child who tests positive for COVID-19 should now also self-isolate until after undertaking a PCR test on day 3 to 5. They can then return to school if the PCR result is negative.

Year 7 and Year 9 PCR Test

I have met with Public Health at the Local Authority this afternoon, and we have identified an increasing number of Year 7 and Year 9 students testing positive for COVID-19.

The threshold for an outbreak is 10% of a cohort. Whilst I am pleased that we are not quite at this point yet for the entire school, Year 7 & Year 9 have reached this limit. As a result, we have been asked to advise that all Year 7 and Year 9 students go for a PCR test (not a test at home LFT) over the weekend to help prevent a bigger outbreak. This is a preventative measure to help ensure the continuation of learning for these year groups and to prevent as much disruption as possible, as well as keeping our community safe. This request is voluntary, though I would strongly encourage all students in these year groups to be tested and show the #TeamMaidenErlegh spirit.

Please use the screen grab below for what to input for asymptomatic PCR test bookings:



Why are you asking for a test?

If you are getting a test for someone you live with, answer for them

- I've been in contact with someone who's tested positive for coronavirus
- Contact tracers told me to get a test
- The contact tracing app told me to get a test (the NHS COVID-19, Protect Scotland or StopCOVID NI app)
- I found out in another way that I'm a contact (England, Wales and Scotland only)
- I was asked to get a test because I visited a venue where others have since tested positive
- I've been told to get a test by my nursery, work or place of education

I am confident that this request will help to safeguard our community. Thank you for your assistance with this.

Yours sincerely

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Headteacher