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Dear Parent/Guardian

November COVID Update for Whole School

I am writing to update you with regards to COVID measures for the new half term which will be in place until the end of December 2021. We have been in contact with Wokingham Borough Council who have advised schools of the following measures which we will be adopting for the rest of the term:

1. Continued use of face coverings in communal areas (unless exempt) for staff, children and visitors in secondary schools e.g., when moving about inside, when moving about on the school site. Face coverings should continue to be used on public transport and dedicated transport to school or colleges.
2. We encourage the use of face coverings for parents visiting the school site, particularly when indoors but also including pick up and drop off.
3. We continue to encourage staff at all schools and our secondary-aged pupils to engage in the LFD testing programme at least twice-weekly.
4. Any child or member of staff who has a household member test positive or has been identified as a close contact of a positive case via NHS Test and Trace or via other means should be advised as follows:
 - To take a daily lateral flow test for 7 days, in addition to taking a one-off PCR test on day 3.
 - Whilst engaging in daily LFD testing, anyone who tests negative can continue to attend school.
 - Anyone who has tested positive via PCR in the last 90 days should not carry out either LFD or PCR testing.
5. We will continue to review risk assessments for events due to take place within our school, particularly those that involve mixing between contact groups, establishments, and external visitors.
6. In addition to the above, we will continue to encourage parents and carers to take regular twice weekly lateral flow tests as part of continuing community testing.
7. Vaccination remains an important part of helping to reduce the transmission from Covid-19 - young people can now access vaccinations by booked appointments or walk-in appointments from the mass vaccination site in Broad Street Mall, Reading.
8. The recommended measures will be in place until the end of December 2021 unless we are advised otherwise by Wokingham Borough Council.

As always, thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

Mr P Gibson
Headteacher