

28th March 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

I am writing to inform you we now have had an increase in the number of both staff and students who have tested positive for Covid-19. Local government advice has confirmed we are now in Threshold '1' of the framework for educational settings. As such we are concerned that we may be at risk of an outbreak.

We are therefore following advice from Cumbria Public Health who are recommending that we re-implement mask wearing this week, for students and staff, in all communal spaces. This does not currently include inside classrooms or outside.

We are also sending home additional home testing kits with students today and requesting that students test each Sunday evening for the next few school weeks and additional test tonight (Monday 28th March).

This additional testing will help to identify any new cases as soon as they become infectious, reduce the numbers of cases we are seeing in-school and help to avoid further in-school transmission.

If your child tests positive, please contact the school and register the result online. The current advice to isolate for at least five days and then begin daily testing until two negative tests are recorded on two consecutive days, at which they would be able to return back to school.

When the school has in the past experienced surges in rates, we have implemented similar measures and thankfully cases have always reduced. The school continues to work closely with Public Health England and makes decisions in line with the guidance issued to schools. By implementing these measures, we hope to avoid any bubble closures and a return to remote learning, which some school across the county have recently had to do.

Thank you for your ongoing support in ensuring we can manage Covid-related issues in a robust and timely manner and keep as many students in school as possible. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask.

Kind Regards



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