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Dear Parents and Carers,

I apologise for sending another letter about Covid, but wish to keep you informed of the situation in school. We are currently seeing an increase in cases and are needing to be more vigilant to prevent any class or school closures as has recently happened in other local schools. As cases have continued to rise, we have taken further advice from Doncaster Public Health team this morning. They have asked us to increase measures by asking parents to follow this advice:

1. Please ensure all household members are completing LFD tests at least twice a week (or daily if they have been a close contact of someone who has tested positive).
2. If the child is ill with any cold symptoms as well as the three main symptoms please get a PCR test. These are typically being returned in less than 24 hours. (When booking the test, you are eligible under the criteria "a GP or other health professional has asked you to get a test", in this case the Public Health team).
3. If we advise that there have been positive cases in your child's year group, please complete an LFD test on your child to identify those who are asymptomatic.

Of the positive cases in school in the last 10 days, very few have had the classic symptoms. Typical symptoms being reported are headache, sore throat, back ache/muscle pains, fatigue and sickness. We understand that this advice is above and beyond the national guidance, however it is what is necessary to slow the spread of this virus in school. We will review this after the half-term break.

Unfortunately, once the virus establishes itself in a class or year group, there may be very little that we can do to prevent the closure of the class or year group. We must therefore ask all parents to work together on this. It may mean that your child must stay at home for a day whilst awaiting the result of a PCR test, but it will enable us to isolate positive cases early and prevent the virus taking a hold. The last thing we want to do is to have to close a class or year group.

Could we also ask that parents/carers please continue to wear a face covering whilst on school grounds.

As always, we thank you for your support.

Miss Diane Risley (Executive Headteacher)

