

13<sup>th</sup> November 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

As our first full week draws to a close, I wanted to thank parents for their support in helping our school run as normally as possible. Your conversations with your children have ensured that our school has an amazing rate of face coverings, which is just one of the reasons we have been able to manage the virus as well as we have done so far. However, it is important to be clear about how we are managing the increasing number of outbreaks. Whilst positive cases are still rare at LSA, we have had two positive cases this week resulting in a number of students being required to isolate.

Students who were classed as immediate contacts were informed. However, in light of 'multiple' cases in a single group, we have made the decision to isolate a class bubble. This will impact 30 students from the 1500 we have on roll. All of these families have been contacted.

We recognise how uncertain and difficult these times are for everyone but continue to follow the government guidance closely. Our work to create bubbles has ensured that we have managed to keep disruption to families and school to a minimum, whilst keeping the children and staff safe. We ensure that we take the most appropriate action for each and every case, avoiding a full school closure where possible. Where we do have to make a decision, this will always be communicated through official channels (MyEd, school text).

The process for identifying contacts remains the same:

A "contact" is defined as:

- a person who has had face-to-face contact (within one metre) with someone who has tested positive for coronavirus (COVID-19), including:
  - being coughed on, or
  - having a face-to-face conversation, or
  - having skin-to-skin physical contact, or
  - any contact within one metre for one minute or longer without face-to-face contact
- a person who has been within 2 metres of someone who has tested positive for coronavirus (COVID-19) for more than 15 minutes
- a person who has travelled in a small vehicle *with* someone who has tested positive for coronavirus (COVID-19) or in a large vehicle *near* someone who has tested positive for coronavirus (COVID-19)
- people who spend significant time in the same household as a person who has tested positive for coronavirus (COVID-19)

We will continue to keep you informed of how things are going at school and will continue to ensure the safety and well-being of the students remain our priority.

Have a great weekend.



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