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For your information – 7th October 2020

Dear Parent/Carer,

I am writing to inform you that we have a further member of staff test positive for Covid-19. We have worked through our usual thorough investigation to determine any close contacts of the member of staff, again acting on advice from the Department of Education helpline. We have determined that no students are close contacts of the member of staff and we have asked two other members of staff to self-isolate as a precaution, of which neither are currently showing any symptoms.

This is not related to the two cases amongst the students or the previous staff case as, if you remember, that member of staff had not been school for a significant period and does not work in any communal area.

We were again under no obligation to inform parents of this case as there was no further actions recommended.

The school opened again fully yesterday with populations A returning in Years 8 and 10. We had our best attendance for students in school since the start of term yesterday of 91.5%, which is a really good sign.

Face Masks

I would like to appeal to parents to support us in ensuring students have their reusable face masks that we gave them at the start of term with them on all five days of the week. Students forgetting them is costing the school quite a bit of money. The initial cost to the school for supplying 3 face masks to each student was £10,000. We are currently giving out around 120 disposable masks a day. This is a cost of about £50 a day, plus their significant use is obviously not good for the environment either. We will have a look at a strategy for repeat offenders in not being organised with their masks. There does seem to be a pattern of students not bringing their masks on the days they have PE, and they are not in their usual uniform. If they have one on their person, one in their bag and one at home being washed then they should always have them. Well done to the almost 1000 students that are bringing their mask each day.

Regards

Mr Careless
Headteacher