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COVID Management – Update: 8 July

All SWS families,

You may be aware that we are experiencing **a significant rise in positive cases** both in the community and within school. This rise has led to a number of positive cases across the student population in the last 24 hours leading to us having to ask students across Years 7, 8 and 9 to self-isolate. This decision was taken after a call with the local authority.

As we have had more cases overnight, I have met with Public Health England and the local authority this morning to discuss the arrangements for the remainder of the term. I have summarised below the key information that families need **today**. I will release a detailed presentation and video briefing for our community tomorrow.

- Cases in the community are rising and **will continue to rise** over the coming weeks. The delta variant is in circulation in our community.
- The situation at school remains under review until all students who have had a positive LFD test inform us of the result of the PCR test. I expect this information to be with me by tomorrow morning at the latest. Final decisions will be communicated then.
- Students who have been asked to **self-isolate need to do so until Friday 16 July**
- Any student who shows symptoms should not come to school and **should immediately go for a PCR test** (not just do a home LFD test) before returning to school.
- Regular testing in all households should continue.
- All face-to-face meetings, events and appointments at school are **now cancelled** and will be done over Teams, via the telephone **or deferred** until September.
- Remote Learning will begin on Monday 12 July for students self-isolating. Year Group leaders will contact families separately to outline how to access this provision.
- I will contact families tomorrow with an update and to outline decisions about the remainder of the term.

Thank you for your continued support,
Jason Fraser
Principal