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## Covid 19 update

Dear Parents and Carers,

Despite television coverage that nationally, Covid cases are falling, here at St Gabriel's we are still experiencing the challenges. Today we have 19 staff absent – our highest number since before half term. 12 of these staff are Covid-related illness with 7 staff testing positive.

In our student community, we have 9 positive cases currently and have bubbles working from home in many year groups. This is far from ideal.

Today we have experienced a number of students who have been sent to school feeling unwell or with temperatures. We would ask again that you do not send your child to school if they have any of the Covid symptoms, including temperatures, as this puts our staff at risk. We are really beginning to struggle in maintaining school being fully open now, so please support us regarding this matter.

If you do receive a call from school stating that your child is symptomatic and needs collecting, we would ask that wherever possible, there is a family plan in place to collect your child as quickly as possible. Students displaying symptoms have to be self-contained and the room deep cleaned after their departure from school, so it is essential that a fast collection takes place in order to give the cleaning staff time to deep clean the room.

We hope you understand this request. This is probably one of the most challenging times we have experienced since the start of the pandemic and we are desperately trying to ensure our children get the best education we can give them.

We will be monitoring the situation very closely this week and will communicate to all parents and carers if the situation worsens.

We send our prayers for all families and those in our community who are dealing with illness, bereavement and financial worries as a result of the pandemic.

God bless

Your St Gabriel's Team

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