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Dear Parents/Carers

I hope you have had a great summer and you and your families have remained well.

Since the end of term, we have moved into the final phase of the Governments pandemic road map and this means changes within our schools including a removal of bubbles, changes in isolation rules and track and trace responsibility transferring from schools to the NHS Track and Trace system. I thought it prudent to write to you to clarify what this will all mean for you and your child.

Bubbles

Schools no longer need to run in bubbles, and this will see more mixing within our schools, but it also will allow more freedom to be able to resume certain parts of school life that have still been missing. I would like to reassure you that all schools have had a risk assessment in place that has been constantly updated throughout the pandemic to reflect the changes and to ensure that the risks are balanced between being covid secure and delivering a full curriculum. All the schools have updated these risk assessments over the summer in line with the new DfE guidance.

Testing

LFD testing will continue and is a vital part of keeping everyone safe. Following DfE guidance we are offering two, on site, tests to all our secondary pupils at the start of term. Thank you for being understanding if this has meant a slight delay in some of the pupils start dates. We will continue to provide home testing kits to our secondary pupils and if you can encourage them to take these tests twice weekly this will make our communities much safer. If you get a positive test please:

- Remain at home
- Book a PCR test
- Keep the school informed

Track and Trace

It is no longer the responsibility of schools to undertake track and trace activities, therefore, should you get a positive PCR test you will be contacted by the NHS track and trace. If you are unsure about contacts within the school then

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please ask them to contact the school for clarification (we will not be able to give parents/carers contact details to pass on to NHS track and trace, so please don't not contact the school for such information).

Isolation

Individuals are not required to self-isolate if they live in the same household as someone with COVID-19, or are a close contact of someone with COVID-19, and any of the following apply:

- they are fully vaccinated
- they are below the age of 18 years and 6 months
- they have taken part in or are currently part of an approved COVID-19 vaccine trial
- they are not able to get vaccinated for medical reasons

Instead, they will be contacted by NHS Test and Trace, informed they have been in close contact with a positive case and advised to take a PCR test. If this PCR test is negative, then **inform school** and they will be happy for your child to return to school.

Should a pupil have a positive LFD test or have symptoms they should not attend school they should get a PCR test.

Please do not send a child in to school if they have had a positive LFD or have symptoms. The guidance to schools states:

'If anyone in your school develops COVID-19 symptoms, however mild, you should send them home and they should follow public health advice.'

Schools will send pupils home who have any symptoms, we recognise that this is frustrating, but it is in the best interest of the whole community.

Finally, I'd like to thank you for your continued support of the schools, and their work in ensuring that everyone is safe within our communities.

Kind Regards

Claire Buffham

Director of Education (SEND)

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