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Dear Parents /Carers

Covid-19 update

I hope you are all well. The school year so far has been significantly disrupted by Covid and the various implications of people testing positive, having symptoms or being close contacts. We have had a small number of positive cases amongst students and staff and we are doing all that we can to reduce the risks to students and staff in very difficult circumstances.

Like the majority of special schools, we have put some extra steps into our procedures to try to keep everyone as safe as possible. This is on the basis of Public Health advice as our schools are different to mainstream settings in a number of ways. We are fully aware that your children haven't had the chance to be vaccinated and we know that the pandemic has had a disproportionately negative impact on those children and young people with SEND.

I would like to thank you all for your co-operation so far. For some of you, we have asked you to keep your child off school (often at short notice) and have a PCR test if they have been a close contact of someone who has tested positive. We have requested that you notify us of the result and that they can return if it is negative and have no symptoms. This extra step will help us to stop the spread of the virus.

Interpreting what are Coronavirus symptoms and what are just signs of being poorly can be tricky! We know that with the Delta variant, there are lots more symptoms. We all know people who have been affected negatively and haven't had the main symptoms. If we judge that your child has Coronavirus symptoms, we will isolate them and ask you to collect them. Please support the health of others by not sending your child in if you feel that they have symptoms, you can always ask school for a second opinion. It is also proving tricky sometimes to ensure that we have the right balance of familiar staff in school. This can impact our judgements about safety and wellbeing.

This is a very challenging area for all of us. Let's have an open dialogue about challenges as they emerge so that we can try and have a safe and productive autumn term.

Yours sincerely

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