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Dear Parent / Guardian

Covid-19 Rule Changes

You may already be aware that the Department for Education has released new guidance for schools in light of the current surge in cases of Covid-19.

The most important aspect of this new guidance is the reintroduction of masks into the classroom. From tomorrow, we will be instructing all pupils, unless exempt, to wear a mask in the classroom. We would very much appreciate it if you can supply your daughter with an appropriate mask to avoid the costs of supplying masks negatively impacting other aspects of the school.

Perhaps more positive is the news that the Government has reduced the period of isolation for positive Covid Cases from 10 days to 7 days, dependent on daily Lateral Flow Tests at home from the seventh to the tenth day.

I would like to urge you to follow the Government's clear instruction to ensure that your child is Lateral Flow Tested before returning to school and regularly thereafter. Thank you to those parents who sent their children to be tested at school today and I quite appreciate that other parents will prefer to supervise tests at home tomorrow morning.

Planning for staff absence due to Covid-19

It is also likely that the school will see increased levels of staff absence in the coming weeks. It is absolutely our hope and intention to keep all children in school, but we are aware that most local secondary schools were forced to move to some element of 'distance learning' for some year groups when staff absence rose to too high a level to safely keep all children in their schools.

We are planning for this eventuality while aiming to avoid it. In order to help us prepare, please ensure your daughter knows how to log into her TEAMS account and her school email account. If she encounters problems with either, please contact IT-support@nsg.kevibham.org.

As far as possible, we aim to maintain the normal school experience for our pupils – at this stage we aim to **continue with all after-school clubs, teams and boosters**. We do not intend, at this stage, returning to class 'bubbles' in Years 7, 8 and 9, as we do not want to deprive our pupils of the vital practical and specialist learning opportunities a normal curriculum provides. If we are guided to revert back to bubbles either by Public Health or the DFE, I will write to you to let you know.

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Work for children who have tested positive or who have symptoms and are awaiting a PCR confirmation.

Teachers are adding resources to TEAMS which children can access from home to keep up with topics studied in their absence. A greater range of resources is being added week by week and so it is worth checking back during any future absence, Covid or otherwise.

In the Event of Snow Closure

In the event that we have heavy enough snowfall to cause school closures this winter, we will notify parents via Parentmail as soon as the decision is made and will seek to make a decision as early as possible to enable you to plan.

During the first day of any snow closure we will not move immediately to online lessons all day, as many children will understandably want a chance to play in the snow – an increasingly uncommon event, it seems. However, the online resources outlined above will be available for children to work independently if you and they wish, which would be most appropriate for Year 11s in particular.

In the event of snow causing school closure on consecutive days, from the second day, all lessons will move onto TEAMS, following your daughter's normal timetable.

In closing, let me take this opportunity to wish your family a happy and healthy 2022. Please be assured that we will continue to do our very best to support your daughter in the year ahead, whatever it brings!

Kind Regards

Mr Neil Jones
Headteacher