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Dear parents,

This is to clarify changes about how positive COVID cases are followed up upon our return to school on 7th September 2021.

If there is a positive case in school, other children will no longer automatically be asked to isolate straight away, as the decision to isolate will sit with the 'Track and Trace' authority.

If a pupil tests positive, parents will be contacted and asked about their child's close contacts, rather than school being asked. They will need to share close contacts with the authority.

People, including potentially classmates, who then need to isolate will be contacted by the 'Track and Trace' authority.

Pupils and staff who test positive will have to isolate. If a child or member of staff lives in the same household as a positive case, they must self-isolate.

If a child or member of staff has symptoms, they must not attend school and they need to have a PCR test. If a child or staff member develops symptoms in school, they will be sent home and need to take a PCR test.

We will inform families if there is a positive case in their child's class.

If there are any further updates or changes, we will inform you as soon as possible.

Many thanks for your ongoing support.

Stay safe.

Mr Kelly Head Teacher