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Year 10 Covid-19 cases

Dear parents and carers

Over the last 14 days, we have had a cluster of positive PCR test results among Year 10 students. We have been monitoring this and have made the decision to increase our control measures for this year group.

Please could I ask that you ensure children in Year 10 continue to carry out a lateral flow device test twice each week, on a Sunday and Thursday evening. If your child tests positive, please notify the school, keep them off school, and book a confirmatory PCR test.

Please note that lateral flow device tests should not be taken for 90 days after a positive PCR test as the test can give a false positive result.

Schools are no longer asked to distribute lateral flow tests, but they are freely available at various locations. Further information can be found here: https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-tests-if-you-do-not-have-symptoms/

In school, we are increasing the frequency of hand sanitising for Year 10 students and reintroducing additional cleaning measures.

We have spoken to the Department for Education helpline to confirm that the measures we are taking are sufficient. They do not consider the case levels to be a particular concern and are happy with the actions we have taken.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

Matthew Evans Headteacher

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