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Dear Parent/Carer,

Covid Update

Just a little update about what is happening in school. As you may have heard, the Delta variant of Covid is spreading and cases in BANES are increasing. Last week we had two positive cases, one in year 8 and one in year 12. As a result, a small number of year 12's have been asked to self-isolate. This is because they were on study leave during exam week which resulted in much fewer contacts.

In year 8 the contacts were higher, and we have had to isolate the whole year group. They will receive lessons on Microsoft Teams from tomorrow and return on Monday 28 June following their isolation period.

These measures were put in place following a discussion with Public Health England on Saturday. This action will help support further spreading.

Our systems in school remain the same and the year groups are continuing to be kept separate. Thank you to all parents, students and staff who are continuing to test. This measure has reduced the necessity to disrupt isolations in other year groups.

Can I ask that if students or parents have symptoms of coronavirus which are a high temperature, a new, continuous cough or a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste, please isolate and test before attending school.

Although this action is far from ideal, it is important that we do everything we can to support everyone in these final weeks of term.

Everyone's Invited

This will be a focus for this term and next year. Our society has changed for the better and together we are working at educating people on their language. We will not tolerate language that is racist, homophobic, or has sexual references.

We are holding assemblies this week and next week where we will discuss this with students. The aims are to make it clear that this language is unacceptable and how we will deal with this in school. Everyone needs to speak up if they experience any of these issues as a community. We will continue to work in this area with follow up work and discussions with our students.

I hope we all stay safe and well.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Andy Greenhough'.

Andy Greenhough

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