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Dear Parents and Carers,

The safety of all members of our school community is paramount, and we remain committed to ensuring our school is as safe as possible throughout the Covid-19 pandemic.

Numbers of infections have been increasing, particularly in Years 7,8 and 10. Staff absence due to Covid is also on the rise. Therefore, I am writing to let you know your child may have been in contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19. Your child can continue to attend school during this period unless they develop symptoms.

We have been working closely with the Suffolk COVID Support Team and Public Health who have **strongly recommended** contacts undertake daily LFD tests for 7 days and should isolate if they feel unwell or return a positive LFD test. **I would recommend that students in Years 7, 8 and 10 follow this routine.** Students in Years 9 and 11 should continue testing twice a week. If your child returns a positive LFD test there is no need to book a PCR test unless they develop symptoms.

If their test is positive, in line with updates to government guidance (17 January 2022), students should isolate. If your child returns a negative LFD on days 5 and 6, they can return to school if they have no fever.

If a positive test is returned on days 5 and/or 6 students must continue isolation but can continue to LFD test. Isolation can end once they have 2 negative LFDs on consecutive days or once the 10 days is reached.

I am now requesting that **students return to wearing masks in classrooms** as well as in communal areas. With half term fast approaching I really want to help protect them as best I can from having an 'isolated' holiday! If staff absence increases, I may be forced to send a year group home to access work online, but this is something myself and staff at school are doing everything we can to avoid. If I do have to take this action, I will be looking to protect Year 11 from as much disruption as possible.

For most people, coronavirus (COVID-19) will be a mild illness. If you are concerned about your health or the health of anyone else in your house, please seek advice from your GP or NHS 111 by telephoning 111.

Further information is available at <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

Yours sincerely,



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