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Dear Parent/Carer

Re: Delta Variant of Covid 19

We are receiving regular information about small outbreaks of the Delta Variant of Covid 19 in and around the local area.

During this last few weeks of lockdown it is really important, in order to keep the school community safe, that we do not let our guard down and assume we no longer need to remain vigilant.

It is also becoming apparent that the Delta variant may have slightly different symptoms in young people than the Alpha variant we have been used to, and is up to 80% more contagious.

So, as well as the main symptoms we are already on the lookout for, ie

- Temperature or fever;
- Continuous cough;
- Loss of taste and smell

Please can you also be mindful if your child complains of:

- Headache;
- Runny nose;
- Sore throat.

Whilst these new symptoms are fairly consistent with the common cold they are also quite unusual for the time of year. Young people rarely feel very ill with these symptoms but they could be contagious and put others at risk.

Please can I ask that you continue testing twice a week with the Lateral Flow Tests supplied by the school and if you child develops any of the 6 symptoms listed above you keep them at home, isolate and complete a PCR test through a postal service or a Government testing centre.

It is vitally important that we continue to follow guidelines to keep Covid 19 out of school and to stop the spread of this virus through our community.

Thank you for your continued support and vigilance.

Yours sincerely

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