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Dear Parents/Carers

Across years 7-11 we have students who have tested positive for COVID. Numbers in year 11 are highest, but new cases are lower today than yesterday. Year 8 and 10 are being closely monitored. We have smaller numbers in years 7 and 9. Sixth Form currently have very few, perhaps due to the significant number of Sixth Formers that have told us they have chosen to take up the vaccination. Sirona have confirmed 8th and 9th November as the new date for our vaccination programme for 12-15 year olds.

This week I have been in daily contact with the Bristol Health Protection Team monitoring our positive cases and agreeing actions from our contingency plan. The key principles set out in the DfE's Contingency Framework are to:

- maximise the number of young people in face-to-face education and minimise any disruption in a way that best manages the COVID-19 risk
- balance the management of COVID-19 transmission against any educational drawbacks
- seek measures that affect the minimum number of children for the shortest time
- use attendance restrictions as a last resort.

These are the actions we took on Tuesday:

- Provide warn and inform information to whole community
- Strengthened communications to encourage pupils to undertake twice weekly LFD testing; and reinforcing advice on symptoms and case isolation
- Further improvement of ventilation indoors (where this would not significantly impact thermal comfort). We have also received and fitted CO2 monitors across the school.
- Review and reinforcement of hygiene measures – sanitise on entry to classroom and at the end of lessons that are before break and lunch
- Enforce mask wearing in corridors – ensure all students put their masks on at the end of every lesson
- Introduce methods to reduce intergroup mixing for year 11

The Bristol Health Team have advised that it will take several days for the impact of these measures to be fully seen.

We are currently reviewing our school events (Commemoration, November 5th and Prize Day November 15th) to determine if these can go ahead. We will make this decision before the holiday to give parents/carers time to make any arrangements. If the events do not go ahead we will have normal school days on site that incorporate elements of the events.

More urgently, we will also decide tomorrow if we have to postpone the V6 Open Evening and/or move to a remote event. We will communicate our decision to year 11 through their lessons, via email and to their parents and carers.

COVID 19 testing and vaccines

Please find attached a letter to parents of secondary school and college students in England on Covid 19 testing and vaccines from the Secretaries of State for Education and for Health and Social Care.

Safeguarding our young people - Vaping

Following the information in last week's update please find attached the [link](#) to the seventh report commissioned by Public Health England (PHE) in relation to Vaping.

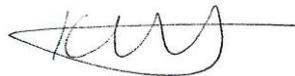
Show Racism the Red Card – Wednesday 20th October

On Wednesday 20th October, all students and staff are invited to wear red accessories to show support for 'Show Racism the Red Card' day.

I will write again next week, or more frequently as required, to keep all our parents and carers updated on our covid safe actions and decisions.

Many thanks for your support.

Very best wishes



Kerry McCullagh Principal