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Dear Parents/Carers

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Voluntary Academy**

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**COVID-19 INCREASE IN POSITIVE CASES**

I am writing to let you know that Richmond Hill is experiencing increasing numbers of reported positive covid-19 cases from both pupils and staff, confirmed by Public Health England.

We know that you may find this concerning but we are continuing to monitor the situation and are working closely with Doncaster Council Public Health and Public Health England. This letter is to inform you of the current situation and provide advice on how to support your child. Please be reassured that for most people, coronavirus (COVID-19) will be a mild illness.

The school remains open and your child should continue to attend as normal if they remain well.

Rates of Covid 19 in Doncaster are currently high and above the England average and we are working hard to keep our classrooms as Covid-safe as possible. We would like to share with you the following advice received from Doncaster Council as well as the concise advice from PHE, which is attached.

**Advice from Doncaster Council**

- Firstly, should your child be showing any symptoms of Covid 19 can you please book them in for a PCR test and keep them at home until you receive your results. A reminder that Lateral Flow Tests should not be used on symptomatic children (or children under 11 in general) and a result from an LFT will not be accepted by school if your child has Covid 19 symptoms.
- Although children no longer need to isolate if another member of their household tests positive, can we remind you that a person who has tested positive should not be leaving their house to bring their child to school. If you are in a situation where all adults in the house are positive and want to discuss options, then please contact school.
- We will continue to encourage children to exercise good hand hygiene in schools and we would ask you to reaffirm this at home, it really is our best defence against not only COVID but the other winter viruses that are circulating at this time.

Following the revision of our risk assessment, the following restrictions will be continuing or re-introduced in school or on site:-

- The wearing of face coverings by all parents/visitors on site.
- The wearing of face coverings by all members of staff in communal areas.
- Handwashing/sanitising will take place on entry into classrooms and throughout the day.

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- Dining hall will have designated tables for year groups.
- Staff meetings will be virtual.
- All singing except for the sessions/choir with Mr & Mrs Mellors will be restricted to outdoors (The risk assessment for the sessions with Mr & Mrs Mellors will resume with social distancing/spacing in the hall)
- Maintain ventilation - keep windows and doors open
- Maintain cleaning - surfaces/handles

Thank you for your continued support, it is much appreciated.

Yours sincerely



Debbie Secker  
Principal