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Dear Parent/Carer

Following several positive cases of COVID 19 in our school community over the weekend I have spoken at length with Public Health today. As a school, we will be working with and following the advice of the Doncaster team to prevent further escalation in our community. It is important to realise this is not just an issue related to school; the loosening of lockdown rules means we must also work in close partnership with community organisations, such as local football clubs, where our children are also gathering on a weekend.

We have been advised by the Public Health team that it would be sensible for Years 8 and 10 to continue to work remotely from home for the remainder of the week. I appreciate this will frustrate many parents, but we must adhere to national guidance regarding the isolation of close contacts whilst also ensuring we have enough staff on site to safely open the premises. As yet, the use of daily lateral flow testing has not been authorised by the government, therefore all staff and students identified as close contacts must isolate for 10 days to hopefully prevent further spread within our community.

This means:

All Year 8 and 10 students will work remotely on Teams from home until Friday 7th May, returning to school on **Monday 10th May**. Students should follow their daily timetable. Staff will be online to help and support.

Years 7, 9, and 11 will attend school for live face to face lessons as normal.

Year 8 and 10 students only need to self-isolate if you have received a close contact letter from us over the weekend.

I re-iterate again the importance of completing the lateral flow tests. All but one of the cases this weekend were detected through lateral flow tests where children were asymptomatic. This in itself is a positive if it prevents further spread within our community.

Year 7, 9 and 11 students will all be issued with another box of seven lateral flow test kits tomorrow. Year 8 and 10 parents can collect boxes from reception between 8am-4pm. Please do not send children to school if they should be isolating.

Thank you for your anticipated understanding and for working with us. I will be in touch later this week following further meetings with Public Health. Take care and stay safe.

Kind regards

Claire Robbins
Headteacher



Headteacher: Mrs Claire Robbins

Inside everyone there is a rainbow waiting to shine.

Ambition

Pride

Resilience

Respect

Responsibility

