

## Rob Pavey

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Dear parents, carers, colleagues and students,

As you will be aware, there have been a few Covid cases in school over the last couple of weeks, which led to us closing the PE changing rooms and reverting to online-only assemblies from this morning.

Over the weekend, we had confirmation of a number of other cases, which brings us up to around 25 students in the school who currently have a confirmed case of Covid. This is particularly concentrated in Year 9, and to a lesser extent in Year 10. I have discussed the situation with Public Health England, and with County, and we are putting in place some additional measures, which are all contained in our contingency plan. Both PHE and County agreed that the steps we have taken so far are sensible and proportionate, and did not suggest any exceptional measures beyond what is in our contingency plan.

- **Masks** will once again be **compulsory inside** from tomorrow. This includes in classrooms.
- We will conduct an additional **lateral flow test** in school tomorrow morning for **Year 9 during p1 and Year 10 during p2**. There is no need to send additional consent; we will use our existing consent records.
- We will contact parents of all those who have been in a class with someone who has tested positive tomorrow to ask you to book a PCR test. We encourage all students to keep up their use of lateral flow tests at home.

We will review these measures in a week's time, and I hope that we will be able to relax the mask wearing soon, if the situation allows. I am pleased to say that none of the students who have tested positive are in a serious condition, as far as we are aware.

I will also take the opportunity to attach an information sheet for parents relating to the vaccination programme for 12-15 year olds. The vaccination team will be visiting Cheney on 13 and 19 October. We will ask parents to complete a consent form from the vaccination team in due course. Please do read the information carefully, and if you disagree with the vaccination, please do not give your consent. The vaccinations are being administered by the NHS school vaccination team, not by us: we are just providing the venue. Taking part is a matter of parental choice, and we cannot get into debates or arguments about whether it is right or wrong.



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Many thanks for your ongoing support,

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