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# Measures at Waverley Due to Increasing Covid Rates

Dear Parents,

We would like to thank you for your continued support in keeping our school as safe as possible throughout the Covid-19 pandemic.

As you are most likely aware, cases of Covid are rising in the area. We have now reached the end of the 2-week period post half term and we have received further guidance from Wokingham Borough Council with an update on the local situation.

The guidance we have received from Wokingham Borough Council, in line with the advice from the Berkshire West Health Protection Board, means we will be implementing the following measures for the remainder of the Autumn Term.

- The use of face coverings in communal areas (unless exempt) for staff and visitors. Parental decision can be made should you wish for your child/ren to wear a face mask whilst in communal areas around the school.
- Parents are encouraged to now wear face coverings when visiting the school site, particularly when indoors but also including pick up and drop off.
- We will be looking to reduce contact between different key stages for prolonged periods of time without having a detrimental effect to the children's learning experiences. These include avoiding mixing key stages at break and lunch times, where possible. Please note, that this will not affect the weekly swimming or sports sessions.

- Any child who has a household member test positive or has been identified as a close contact of a positive case via NHS Test and Trace or via other means should be advised as follows:
    - To take a PCR test on day 3 and remain isolating until the result is known.
    - Alternatively, at the parent's discretion, the child can take lateral flow tests for 7 days in addition to taking a one-off PCR test on day 3. If the LFD test remains negative the child can attend school.

It is still our intention to go ahead with our Christmas productions with additional safety measures in place, as well as planning contingency by having the productions filmed professionally. Please look out for further details in the coming days.

Please may we remind parents to help keep our community safe by observing the above measures. Should cases increase, then further measures may need to be introduced.

Kind regards,

Mr. Guy Shore
Head, Waverley Prep School and Nursery