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Dear Parents and Carers,

The prevalence of Covid-19 cases in Staffordshire continues to be higher than the West Midland and England average, particularly in school aged children. Lichfield specifically has a high number of cases and this is reflected in our school community. We continue to liaise closely with Public Health England regarding case numbers.

We remain focused on promoting hand hygiene and ensuring ventilation in our indoor spaces and our Risk Assessment is regularly reviewed. As the weather turns cooler please do ensure that students have a coat with them.

Last week Staffordshire County Council held a briefing for school leaders. Tracking of recent numbers shows that where students have someone in their household who is a confirmed case, there is a high risk of infection. **PCR** (not lateral flow) testing is strongly advised for all household contacts. With this in mind, it was therefore **recommended** that students who are contacts of a case in their household should stay at home pending the PCR test result.

We also have a number of students who are also experiencing colds that are typical at this time of the year. A number of our students have gone on to receive positive PCR tests after experiencing cold type symptoms and negative lateral flow tests. Students who have any of the 3 Covid-19 symptoms must isolate and book a PCR test. A copy of the results should be emailed to [attendance@keslichfield.org.uk](mailto:attendance@keslichfield.org.uk) following on from the Staffordshire briefing we would also advise seeking a PCR test for other precautionary symptoms for children such as a headache, sore throat and cold etc.

We encourage students to complete lateral flow tests twice a week (for those who are able). Additional tests can be collected from Main Reception or Student Reception.

We thank you for your continued support.

Yours Sincerely

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Deputy Headteacher