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Dear Parent/Carer

New requirement for all household members to self-isolate

As you will be aware, the current COVID situation is very fast moving and restrictions are being updated on a regular basis. This will mean that there may be further changes which we need to inform you of over the remainder of the school term.

On Friday, the First Minister announced that if there is a positive Covid case in a household then **ALL members of that household must now isolate for 10 days**. This is regardless of a negative PCR test result or vaccination status. Therefore, if someone in your household tests positive, we would ask that you keep all siblings at home. We will provide work for pupils who are well enough to undertake this.

If someone in your household is displaying symptoms of COVID, we would request that everyone remains at home until a PCR test confirms a negative result.

Please do not send your child to school with a temperature, new continuous cough or a loss or change in sense of taste or smell.

We will continue to follow our current risk assessment mitigations around distancing, handwashing, sanitisation, ventilation and face coverings. We would also request that if you are on campus or in groups you wear a face covering and observe 2m physical distancing.

Finally, we would again encourage all secondary pupils to take twice weekly lateral flow tests and to test in advance of, and following, any social gatherings. The asymptomatic testing programme is available to all staff and pupils, providing consent has been provided. Kits are available from the office and the consent form for anyone who has not already completed this can be accessed here - [Consent Form](#).

We remain very grateful for your support in trying to keep our school community safe during these difficult times.

Yours faithfully

John Devine
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