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Monday 19<sup>th</sup> July

Dear Parents/Carers

### **Update re COVID 19 and end of term events**

As the end of term approaches we need to provide you with an update on the Covid situation in school.

I'm sure you are all aware unfortunately the COVID rates are increasing locally with hospital admissions on the rise. On the advice of the local PHE team we are maintaining our COVID risk assessments until the end of term. Additional information from PHE will be circulated to you all towards the end of the week.

This means that we are requesting that

1. You keep your child off school if they are unwell, and/or display COVID symptoms
2. That you seek a PCR test if your child or any family members display COVID symptoms

Our main challenge in school again at the moment is ensuring safe staffing levels in classes. Staff absence is high due to staff having to self-isolate because of family contacts, or due to child care issues with other schools, and nursery setting closing.

We will notify you of any closure via telephone and confirm in writing. Can you please ensure that the school office holds your latest contact details.

Due to the increasing number of cases we have made the sad decision to postpone our Friends of Freddie's Summer Fair event. We hope to reschedule the event in September and look forward to seeing you all. We will still be holding the raffles and further information will follow regarding the draw date and how this will take place.

I know the current situation once again places further stress on yourselves, and I apologise in advance if you and your family are inconvenienced in anyway over the next week.

Finally, the school has LFD testing kits available for all Secondary age pupils 11-19 years. If possible, Schools are advising pupils to carry out two LFD tests prior to their return to school in September. We advise carrying out the tests on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> September and Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> September prior to the pupils return to school on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> September. The other tests in the pack can be used as you wish throughout the summer holidays or September.

**Please contact reception if you would like us to send a box of tests home with your child.**

We continued to be amazed at your support and your positivity. As always if you have any concerns or questions then please do not hesitate to contact school.

Your sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "J. Maddison". The signature is written in a cursive style with a small flourish at the end.

Head of School