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Dear Parents,

Since September, schools have been able to operate in a similar way to life before Covid-19 and staff and students have certainly appreciated life being a bit more normal.

Unfortunately, some schools have seen a rise in the number of children testing positive for Covid-19 despite all the mitigations in place. At St Cuthbert Mayne we have seen a similar pattern across the school. We have been in contact with Public Health throughout the course of this term and have put in place additional control measures when necessary. When we met with Public Health yesterday to review the rising number of cases in school, we were directed to put in place some enhanced control measures in order to reduce the transmission of the virus.

From today, the following enhanced control measures will be in place across the school:

1. Face coverings must be worn by all staff and students in all indoor areas of the school, including classrooms. Staff and students should bring their own reusable face covering to school every day. Students who are exempt do not need to wear a face covering. Parents should contact their child's Head of Year if they need an exemption card.
2. All ball games at break and lunch time are paused.
3. Students in teaching groups or tutor groups with high infection rates will be advised to take a PCR test and then test daily using an LFT. Individual letters have been sent to the parents of the students who need to do this.
4. Siblings of children who test positive will be asked to work remotely until the end of their siblings isolation period.
5. Sporting fixtures against other schools will be paused.
6. Extra curricular clubs will continue, but there will be no mixed year group clubs.
7. Only essential visitors will be allowed onsite.

We know that students and parents will find these measures frustrating, but the enhanced control measures have been put in place to prevent the onward transmission of the virus and to minimise the disruption to learning caused when students test positive and need to self-isolate.

These enhanced control measures will remain in place until the end of the day on Thursday 21st October.

I would like to thank parents for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,



Mr Down
Headteacher