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## **Covid Vigilance**

Dear Families,

I am writing to you to ask that we all continue to remain vigilant and cautious in relation to Covid-19.

As you will no doubt be aware, infection cases are rising nationally and that increase is mirrored both within South Gloucestershire and Bristol. Furthermore, there have been several cases of schools, within our local authority, having to close bubbles this week and last week due to positive pupil cases. Hanham Woods have also had to send home some pupils today while they identify close contacts of possible cases.

With this in mind, I would just like to remind everyone of the measures that we all need to continue to adhere to in order to reduce the risk of transmission:

- All adults (and children in Year 7 and above) must wear a face covering when on the school site
- Please try to maintain social distance when on the playground
- Ensure pupils wash their hands before coming to school and when they arrive home

We will continue with our system of protective measures within school which includes regular handwashing and hand sanitising; maintaining the structure of class bubbles to avoid unnecessary mixing and contact; and ensuring that all rooms are well-ventilated.

As throughout the whole pandemic, if your child or anyone in your household develops symptoms consistent with coronavirus, then you must self-isolate for 10 days and book a PCR test. Anyone living in your household must also self-isolate even if they do not have symptoms.

The main symptoms of COVID-19 are:

- high temperature – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)
- new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- loss or change to your sense of smell or taste – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

Finally, I ask that all members of our school community continue to be vigilant and cautious over the coming days and weeks as we socialise more freely with others; whilst none of us want to see a return to the closing of bubbles, we also know that this virus can quickly impact on school life.

Thank you for your ongoing understanding and support.

Best wishes,



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