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Dear Parents/Carers

Covid Cases Update

I am writing to inform you that we have had seven further positive Covid cases in Year 9 reported to us since my last update earlier in the week. Most positive cases are close contacts of the cases earlier this week, most were asymptomatic and have tested positive following the precautionary PCR test taken before they return to school.

I have spoken several times this week with Matt Walker from PHE Northumberland and his team met on Friday to discuss the cases. The team were very happy with all the measures being taken by the school to prevent and contain the virus.

They have recommended that we continue to follow the national guidance on face coverings, and all other measures in place to keep distance, bubbles contained, hands sanitised and rooms ventilated.

They have also asked us to remind parents about the importance of self isolating and seeking PCR tests if symptomatic about the importance of twice weekly LFD testing and reporting the result.

They do not think that there is any need for an outbreak control group to be formed in this case, as they are largely confident that the original index case has not caused this flurry, and that one or two have likely caught it from community or household and passed it on while in school. They have stated that cases are unfortunately increasing in the community and therefore naturally this is reflected in school case numbers. It is also worth noting that most of these cases would never have been identified previously as they were asymptomatic and the introduction of PCR tests for all self isolators before returning to school should add an extra measure of protection.

Can you please therefore ensure that your child completes a Lateral Flow test this evening and if the result is positive please email kevi@the3rivers.net and arrange a PCR test immediately and self isolate until the result is known.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

Ms C Savage
Headteacher