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Dear Parents and Carers

I am writing to you to update parents and carers on the latest announcement from the government in respect of the new Covid variant that is currently circulating in the community.

Throughout the pandemic we have carefully followed all the advice from the government given to schools regarding health and safety and the control mechanisms expected of us.

The Secretary of State for Education announced yesterday that the lateral flow tests that we are currently sending home with students should continue to be used for the remainder of this term.

Gavin Williamson said: "I am grateful and humbled by the actions that everyone working in education has taken to pull together and deliver the testing programme. Alongside the wider protective measures in place that we must all continue following, this asymptomatic testing helps break chains of transmission by taking people who are infectious but don't know it out of circulation."

Given the rapidly changing nature of the advice given to schools we are considering the next steps in our response to the new variant. Should the numbers of confirmed cases rise in our community we will be proactive in asking students as well as staff to return to the wearing of face coverings in communal areas and classrooms. We hope that this will not be the case but support anyone that wishes to continue to wear face coverings at the current time.

Thank you once again for your continued support and understanding with the measures we have put in place during this pandemic.

Yours sincerely

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