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19<sup>th</sup> November, 2020

Dear Parents/Carers

Thank you for all that you are doing to support your children's learning this week.

We appreciate that the decision to introduce learning from home this week has made things difficult for many parents and are grateful for all that you are doing. We wanted to assure you that this wasn't something that was introduced lightly but was something that was caused by the number of staff currently unable to be at school.

In explaining this to you we have emphasised the number of staff members who are self-isolating as a precaution. We have not meant to downplay that we have staff or students who have tested positive for Covid-19; but rather have wanted to explain to you that the school has just not had sufficient staff able to be in school this week in order to run the school. At all times we have followed the advice of Public Health England (PHE) and have written to all those impacted on as cases have arisen.

We would continue to encourage parents to take up the advice from PHE to have your child tested for Covid-19 so that we can minimise the potential of any student who is positive but asymptomatic coming to school. As with all increased testing, over the last two days, this testing has identified a further 29 students and 1 member of staff who tested positive but asymptomatic and are now self-isolating. All of those who have been identified as contacts to these cases have been contacted as they arise. Your child only needs to self isolate if they have received the letter that says to do so.

If your child does test positive please do send details of positive results to [covid@rrca.org.uk](mailto:covid@rrca.org.uk).

The number of staff self-isolating is declining and we are hopeful that we will be able to have some older year groups (11,12,13) returning to school from Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> November with others joining the following week. We know that for years 7-10 this will come as a disappointment, as it has done for us, but are acting on guidance at all times.

We will write to you with full details of this before Friday afternoon so that you can plan. We appreciate how difficult this is and will continue to do everything possible to support home learning. Please do contact the school by email at [info@rrca.org.uk](mailto:info@rrca.org.uk) if you need any further support with this.

Before any students or staff are allowed to return to the buildings, we will be completing a rigorous deep clean throughout the school and will repeat this process whenever necessary over the coming weeks.

Thank you again for your support and for your patience and tolerance during this difficult time.

Yours faithfully

**Oli Tomlinson, Regional Director  
on behalf of Miss Bacon, Principal**



**Principal:** Miss C Bacon

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