



Downs View

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Dear Parents/Carers,

I am writing to update you on the current situation at the Link College.

On Friday night a member of staff tested positive for Covid. Over the weekend we have had another staff positive case and a further positive lateral flow test for a staff member. Staff and students within the affected groups have been informed and advised to get a PCR test. One of our classes will be closed tomorrow as staff are self-isolating whilst waiting for their PCR's.

We have been advised by the DFE to treat the LTF the same as a PCR. This means that we have reached the threshold of an 'outbreak'. I am waiting for further advice from the Department of Education and the Local Authority but in the meantime we are putting additional measures in place at college on a temporary basis.

For the next week we will be reintroducing the following:

- Masks in shared areas
- No shared activities such as lunches and groups
- No additional visitors on site other than therapists
- All meetings to be virtual. This will affect the progress meetings on Wednesday – we will update you on how this will run
- Class bubbles reinstated
- Encouragement for all staff and pupils to do daily LTF tests

I am really sorry that we are having to return to these restrictions but hopefully this will only be for one week. I will update you during the week if we have more cases.

I appreciate this is worrying for families please contact myself or Juliet if you have any questions.

Best Wishes

Vanessa

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