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Dear Parents & Carers,

I am sure you will be aware that the Covid-19 infection rate nationally has risen, especially since pupils returned to schools. Locally, across several schools in Shropshire, there has also been an increase in confirmed cases of Covid -19, which is mirrored in our school as we are also seeing cases of Covid -19 increasing. As I made clear in my letter at the start of term, education and childcare settings are no longer asked to conduct routine contact tracing. As with positive cases in any other setting, NHS Test and Trace are working with either the positive case – or in the case of children – the parents, carers or guardians of the positive case to identify close contacts. However, Public Health Shropshire monitor the number of cases being reported by schools and where they see a possible trend or links between cases, they make contact to offer guidance or request action be taken by schools to mitigate the risk of further spread of infection.

I am writing to let you know that following an increase in cases in Church Stretton School, Public Health Shropshire have requested that we re-introduce some measures to mitigate the spread of Covid-19 whilst we monitor the number of confirmed cases reported to us. We are aware the same request has been made to several other local schools.

Therefore, please note the following measures that we will introduce, taking effect from Friday 24th September 2021.

- Pupils (unless exempt) must once again wear a face covering when travelling on buses to and from school. Students using Public Transport should also wear a face covering.
- Pupils and Staff (unless exempt) must wear a face covering in communal areas in school (for example, when in corridors moving around school, in Tutor time when amongst pupils of mixed years, when inside at break / lunch unless eating/drinking).

Of course, we continue to expect pupils and staff to follow our hygiene expectations, sanitising and / or washing hands regularly, using outdoor routes as much as possible and using the catch it, bin it, kill it routine. We are maintaining good ventilation and regular cleaning of the school.

Please note that we are likely to alter some of our other ways of working, specifically how students access their break and lunch times, which will be communicated to students and parents/carers once details have been finalised.

Visitors, including parents/carers are asked to continue to make an appointment through school Reception if wishing to visit in person.

Thank you for helping us to keep everyone safe by continuing with twice weekly Lateral Flow Testing and keeping us informed of any positive results. We will distribute more home test kits when we receive them in school. If your child develops symptoms of Covid-19 please do not send them to school, but seek a Lateral Flow Test and / or PCR Test.

Kind regards

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