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Dear parent/carer,

I'm writing to let you know that we have recently had a confirmed COVID-19 case in Year 7 and this has now been identified as the Indian variant of the virus that you might have heard about in the news. In light of this, we have received additional guidance from Public Health this morning which I would like to share with you.

Masks

We are continuing to encourage staff and students to wear masks whenever they are in class or in communal areas. Whilst this is not the current government guidance, it follows the advice of the Local Authority. Masks form an important part in reducing transmission and so we agree with Wolverhampton Council that they should still be worn until at least the end of this half term. This will be continually reviewed as part of the ongoing safety measures in school.

Lateral Flow Testing

We would like to re-affirm the importance of twice weekly testing of students who are asymptomatic. We know that about 1 in 3 people with COVID-19 do not have symptoms but can still infect others, and so by testing twice a week we can help to break the chain of infection.

Tests should be conducted on Wednesday and a Sunday and it is vital that you report the results via the links below.

Link to [Government Reporting site](#)

Link to [school reporting form](#)

If your child tests positive everyone in your household must self-isolate and arrange for a PCR test.

Note –Lateral Flow Tests should only be taken if you have no symptoms of COVID-19. If you are showing any symptoms you will need to take a PCR test.

Useful Links

[NHS Guidance on testing](#)

[Find a PCR test site](#)

[Latest COVID-19 advice](#)

All other guidance on keeping safe – social distancing, hand washing etc, remain in place.

Thank you for your continued support in complying with the guidelines.

Update on school uniform

I would also like to inform you of a slight change we have made to the new uniform policy. Following on from feedback from parents, we are pleased to say that we have added the option of leggings to the essential PE Kit – therefore you can choose to have either shorts or leggings.

Along with this letter I have also sent an updated uniform page to reflect this change.



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Many thanks as always for your continued support.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'A Stephens', written in a light grey or blue ink.

Mrs A Stephens – Headteacher.