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Dear Parent/Guardian

I am writing to you regarding the current situation regarding Covid cases and testing at MECE.

Public Health England are currently 'surge testing' in areas of the RG1 postcode. This does not affect our catchment areas however we are aware it does border our catchment. Similarly, looking at the reported figures per 100,000 it is clear there is a sharp uptake in Reading and an increase in South Oxfordshire and the surrounding areas. Therefore, as a school we must continue to be vigilant and pragmatic in the way we behave with regard to Covid despite having no further positive cases since May 26.

At school, adults will continue to wear face coverings in communal areas and in the classroom if they wish to. We are also being clear with our staff that whenever possible they should maintain social distancing from other individuals.

From a student perspective amongst other things, we will be maintaining our all through the day cleaning schedules, insisting on hand sanitiser before each lesson, keeping our forward-facing seating plans, keeping the students split into bubbles, keeping our one-way system and split lunches and encouraging the students to be outside as much as possible.

From a parental perspective please can you strive to test the students twice a week on Wednesdays and Sundays using one of the LFT test kits the school has provided (please contact the school office if you need more kits). In addition, all those students using the school bus should be wearing a face covering. It appears that attention to this has slipped a little based on the number of students disembarking from the bus this morning without a face covering. I will provide a mask for each student without one this evening, however, please can I ask that you check that your son/daughter has a face covering before leaving the house each morning. The bus is a confined space so it is really important that face coverings are worn to prevent possible transmission of the Delta variant.

Thank you for your continued support in these matters.

Yours faithfully

Andy Hartley

Headteacher