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Dear Parents and Carers

**Urgent Covid update**

I am just writing to give you some updates following the latest Government advice we were provided with yesterday.

As you will have seen in the news the last two weeks have seen an upsurge in the positive Covid cases, particularly the new virulent Delta strain. Having no cases in school over the past half term has been great and we really want to continue with this as advice from Government yesterday suggests that the number of cases will continue to rise.

We have been informed that the new Delta strain are different to the new to previous symptoms of the virus. It is really important that if your child displays any of the original symptoms(persistent cough, high temperature, loss of taste/smell) OR the news symptoms (sore throat, runny nose, flu-like symptoms with aches and pains) that you keep your child of school and arrange a PCR test.

Unfortunately, this rise in cases and the potential disruption to education means that we have had to change some of the arrangements for the next few weeks as the risk of spreading the virus is to great.

We are going to have to change the arrangements for the Year 11’s leavers assembly so now instead of holding the event on the 2nd July we will be having an assembly on the 25th June. We have also been in touch with our past Year 11 leavers and we will rearrange an assembly for these pupils later in the year.

In terms of new pupils joining us we are going to have cancel our planned transition events on the 22nd June, 24th June 6th July and the 8th July for all of our pupils. We can only apologise for this but I’m sure you can understand that this is in the best interests of all our pupils.

If you could please continue to take part in the testing process and remind pupils to continue with the handwashing regime, keeping safe distance away from each other as much as possible and wearing face coverings we would really appreciate it.

As ever, if you have any questions or queries about this please don’t hesitate to get in touch with school.

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Head of School.