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## COVID update

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing with some COVID updates and the impact that the increased infections are having on the availability of staff.

You will know from the media that cases are continuing to rise across Wales and the UK. The latest figures for Wales shows that approximately 1 in 30 people now have the infection. Infection rates in school, amongst pupils and staff is continuing to rise, despite all of the strategies we have put in place. Sadly, this is having an impact on staff availability that has led to some classes partially closing to pupils. At this moment I cannot see the situation improving; staff and pupils who test positive are asked to self-isolate and need negative tests on days 5 and 6 to be able to return.

In addition, with the changes to testing requirements across Wales, some people who have COVID will not be aware that they have it. We are continuing to encourage all staff to test daily and report their results via the government website.

In line with the latest guidance from Wales' Chief Medical Officer, we are encouraging staff to wear face coverings in crowded areas and maintaining social distancing as far as possible in a setting such as Trinity Fields. In addition, we continue to have cleaners on site throughout the day who constantly clean high touch surfaces, such as door handles, rails etc. Please continue to be extra vigilant and if your child is unwell then please keep them at home until they are well enough to return.

Again, I would like to reassure you that we are doing all that we can to keep pupils and staff safe. Keeping all classes open remains our priority. Unfortunately, with the increasing number of positive cases and the lack of suitably experienced supply staff sometimes the only safe decision is to close, or partially close a class. This decision will only be made once all other options have been considered.

Many thanks for your continuing support. Keep safe and stay strong,

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